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For years her heart  
said pursue medicine.  
Finally, she listened.

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**ON THE COVER:** Just six years ago, Maureen Argo Marks '75 realized her lifelong dream of becoming a physician. She is pictured with a patient in her La Mesa, Calif., office.

*Photo by Sam Hodgson*

**THIS SPREAD:** Color flew on Ball Circle in April as students celebrated Holi, a traditional Hindu spring festival, and experienced a brilliant, messy Asian tradition. Several UMW groups sponsored the event, which had white-clad students waiting in line to toss clouds of colored chalk. Within 10 minutes, nearly 700 packets of colored dust had been flung in a revel that's becoming a student favorite rite of spring.

*Photo by Norm Shafer*



Dear Editor,  
I took this picture of my son, Henry, 20 months old, in April. He picked up the most recent *UMW Magazine* during dinner and studied each page. It appears that he enjoys reading about the University's happenings as much as I do!

**Julia Kroner Hixson '06**  
**Charleston, W.Va.**



Dear Editor,  
I am a proud member of Mary Washington College Class of 1976. So you can imagine how many, many issues of the alumni magazine I have thumbed through. Recently, I have stopped thumbing and started reading.

The spring 2013 issue is fantastic! Congrats to you and your staff for producing an engaging read. The articles, the design, the photographs, the writing – everything is superb.

All your hard work and attention to detail are obvious. Keep up the good work.

Thank you!  
**Lundy Baker Updike '76**  
**Alexandria, Va.**

P.S. Our son Jim graduated in May with a degree in computer science and is now employed as a JAVA developer. Our youngest son, Tom, will be a freshman this fall.

## On the Web

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- Be part of the UMW buzz on Facebook – look for "University of Mary Washington" for the latest news; search "University of Mary Washington Alumni" to share photos and thoughts with fellow alums.
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- Catch up on news and photos from UMW clubs, courses, students, professors, and more at **[umwblogs.org](http://umwblogs.org)**.

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## Fulbright Tradition Continues



From left, Peter Hawes, Michaela Sands, and Aubrey Elliott plan to study and work abroad thanks to their Fulbright grants.

*Three 2012 graduates received prestigious U.S. Fulbright grants this year.*

**Aubrey Elliott '12, M.Ed. '13** plans to spend eight months in Turkey as an English teaching assistant. "I'm really looking forward to learning a new language, teaching others, and experiencing life in another country," he said.

Elliott has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in secondary education. He was awarded two UMW scholarships, the Lester D. Crow Scholarship for Student Teachers and the Oscar H. Darter Scholarship in History.

The Culpeper, Va., native played on the Mary Washington rugby team, including one year as the team's senior representative. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.

**Peter Hawes '12** will head to Nepal this summer to teach English for a year in a rural school and assist the Nepal English Language Teachers' Association.

"I am expecting it to be pretty challenging in a lot of ways," he said. "I feel there is a lot I can learn from people who live in traditional communities like that."

Hawes, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated with honors in English with a concentration in creative writing. He was awarded the four-year Mary Janes Ahern '46 Washington Scholarship and the LaVergne Tuck Woody '48 Scholarship in English. The Centreville, Va., native was a co-founding officer of the UMW Outdoor Club and was active in on-campus life. He spent his summers and vacations at small-scale, sustainable farms in Virginia and Vermont and at local agricultural conferences.

**Michaela Sands '12, M.Ed. '13** plans to spend a year teaching English as an assistant at a school in Thailand. Her Fulbright work will combine her bachelor's degree in sociology and master's in elementary education.

"I love traveling and exploring, so this is a great opportunity for me to explore the sociological and anthropological aspects of another culture," Sands said. "This will be a great journey, both personally and professionally."

At UMW, Sands received the Barbara Bishop Mann '66 Virginia Educator Award this year. She volunteered with several campus organizations and was a member of the varsity cross-country team.

The Burke, Va., native received the Dorothy Dougherty and William Benedict Ross Scholarship in Education, the Cora Lee Kaufmann Scholarship, and the Mary Jo Kleiner-Phillips Scholarship.





# Professor Delivers the World

By Marty Morrison



Norm Shafer

Last semester, instead of taking students abroad, professor Donald Rallis headed out to places like Turkey, Rwanda, and Cambodia and taught from afar. He tweeted photos, insights, and assignments and sent video and blog posts to lead students through his world geography class. Below is a photograph Rallis shot in October 2012 of a Cambodian man having his head shaved in mourning for King Norodom Sihanouk.

Three classes of University of Mary Washington students traveled the globe during spring semester without ever leaving campus.

The 115 students were in an online regional geography course taught by Associate Professor of Geography Donald Rallis.

As Rallis journeyed to more than 15 cities in 11 countries, the students followed along via an online teaching site, Twitter, YouTube, and blog posts. Through Rallis, they experienced a medieval cathedral in Worcester, England; interviewed a French student at Sorbonne University in Paris; and surveyed a lush tea plantation outside Rwanda's capital city of Kigali.

"It's like I'm there with Dr. Rallis," said **Jennifer Greenwood '16**, who plans to major in geography because of Rallis' class. "It's amazing to be able to interact with someone who is across




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– Donald Rallis**

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the globe. I'm able to connect on a personal level. I'm learning while he's learning."

The ambitious course was the first of its kind at the University, and one of the first launched under an online learning initiative at UMW aimed at providing exceptional liberal arts and sciences experiences in an online environment. The Center for International Studies, the Department of Geography, and the Teaching Center provided some funding, and Rallis bore other costs.

He started the sessions in person in January, lecturing from a traditional Monroe Hall classroom. Then he began his journey through Europe, Africa, and Asia.

He met the classes for 2½ hours each week, streaming live through an online teaching site. Students could connect wherever their computers



## MASTER TEACHER



In Rwanda, Rallis tried to surreptitiously photograph a border crossing through the rain-blurred window of a taxicab. But the customs agent saw him and gave Rallis a lecture on manners. Lesson learned, Rallis said: Ask first.

were – in groups at a coffee shop or alone in their rooms. Rallis augmented class discussions with his photos and videos, and he used blog posts to share his insights on the food, politics, and religion of each region's inhabitants.

A native of South Africa, Rallis is an avid traveler and photographer who has led study-abroad trips to Cambodia, South Africa, and Madagascar. He's an expert on apartheid and many political and cultural developments throughout the world.

Rallis has taught world regional geography face to face for the past 14 years. He has tested the feasibility of a virtual course since 2008, when he conducted geography lectures from Guangzhou, China. Then, he relied on an unpredictable Internet connection and PowerPoint slides to deliver his lessons.

This spring, with much-improved technology, Rallis experienced few technological glitches. But he learned that "live" classes don't stick to a course outline. "The real world doesn't present itself in syllabus-ready format," Rallis said. "And learning in it is a vastly different experience" from learning via textbook.

During the first sessions, the six- to eight-hour time differences between the U.S. and his location tested his classroom delivery. He quickly adapted, conducting fieldwork, taking photographs, and capturing video to spark class discussions that he delivered in the wee hours of the morning from his hotel room. And his 18-hour flight from Johannesburg to the Malaysian island of Penang allowed him only 15 hours to recover from jet lag before class.

Serendipity led to the most

compelling class experiences. In England, a church service at a Worcester cathedral sparked a lesson on the roles of religion in the U.S. and Europe. In Paris, Rallis met a second-year French student at the Sorbonne, and, in Istanbul, he encountered a recent UMW alumna traveling in Turkey.

In turn, Rallis has witnessed a level of student engagement unlike any he's experienced during his 25 years of teaching.

**Sequoi Phipps '16** said Rallis' online lessons went beyond what she would have expected from a conventional class. "Dr. Rallis pulls from every area," she said. "We don't just look at geography and the architecture and the people. We look at the culture and how people interact with other cultures. He makes you think from so many angles."





# Training Teachers for City Lessons

By Brynn Boyer

**Kathy Paschall, M.Ed. '13** hoisted herself onto a tabletop in the back of a Richmond classroom last spring and pointed to a makeshift solar system taped to the wall.

"Why do they call Venus Earth's twin?" the teaching intern asked, pointing at one of the planets.

"Because they are about the same size," a high school student answered confidently.

Less than a mile from Paschall's earth science class at George Wythe High School, **Tally Botzer '08, M.Ed. '13** gathered a group of third-graders at Swansboro Elementary to read about Helen Keller.

Spring semester, Paschall and Botzer were pursuing master's degrees in education from the University of Mary Washington and completing teaching internships in the Richmond public schools as part of the Ukrop's Fellowship Program. Botzer completed a master's degree in May; Paschall got a teaching certificate in May and plans to graduate in December.

As the first two Ukrop's Fellows, the graduate students were in the classroom every day, honing their teaching skills.

The Ukrop's Fellowship helps ensure that Richmond schools hire and retain the best-prepared teachers. The initiative, supported by Ukrop's Endowment Fund of the Rappahannock Region Foundation, funded the UMW graduate students' academic credits, instructional materials, and living expenses.

"The Ukrop's Fellowship provides support for UMW College of Education teacher candidates who plan to develop their careers in urban schools," said Mary Gendernalik-Cooper, dean of the College of Education. "You can't get a better match of goals and strategy."

The fellowship provided real-world applications to Paschall's academic studies.

"The setup of the master's curriculum is brilliant," said Paschall, who has a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech. "The process of going from courses to practicum experiences to the internship has been the biggest component of my success in the program."

Latoya Toms, the lead teacher in Paschall's class at George Wythe, said the fellowship also benefited her high school students. With Paschall in the classroom, she said, students became more engaged, and their grades improved. "She is so insightful and very energetic — she brings life to the classroom."

Jim Ukrop, a fund administrator and former chairman of the Richmond-based Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., attended Swansboro Elementary when he was a child.

"He is very clearly passionate about making Richmond a place where people really want to live," Botzer said. "He's smart — he knows that people want to live where there are good schools. And good schools don't exist without good teachers."

The Ukrop's Fellowship aims to help Richmond become one of the nation's premier urban school systems, and Ukrop thought UMW students should be a part of that.

"The University of Mary Washington has helped produce many gifted educators, so we jumped at the opportunity to partner with UMW to develop a program that prepares teachers for success in an urban public school setting," Ukrop said. "The program helps the Fellows to successfully meet the special challenges of urban school settings. At the same time, we hope the program



will inspire these talented, well-prepared future teachers to live and work in the city of Richmond after they graduate."

Botzer received a UMW bachelor's degree in English in 2008. She worked as a copy editor before she volunteered as an assistant to an English teacher in Costa Rica. She was nervous at first, but she soon realized that she belonged in an elementary classroom.

Botzer's UMW education and the fellowship have launched her career. She has accepted a full-time teaching position at Swansboro Elementary starting this fall.

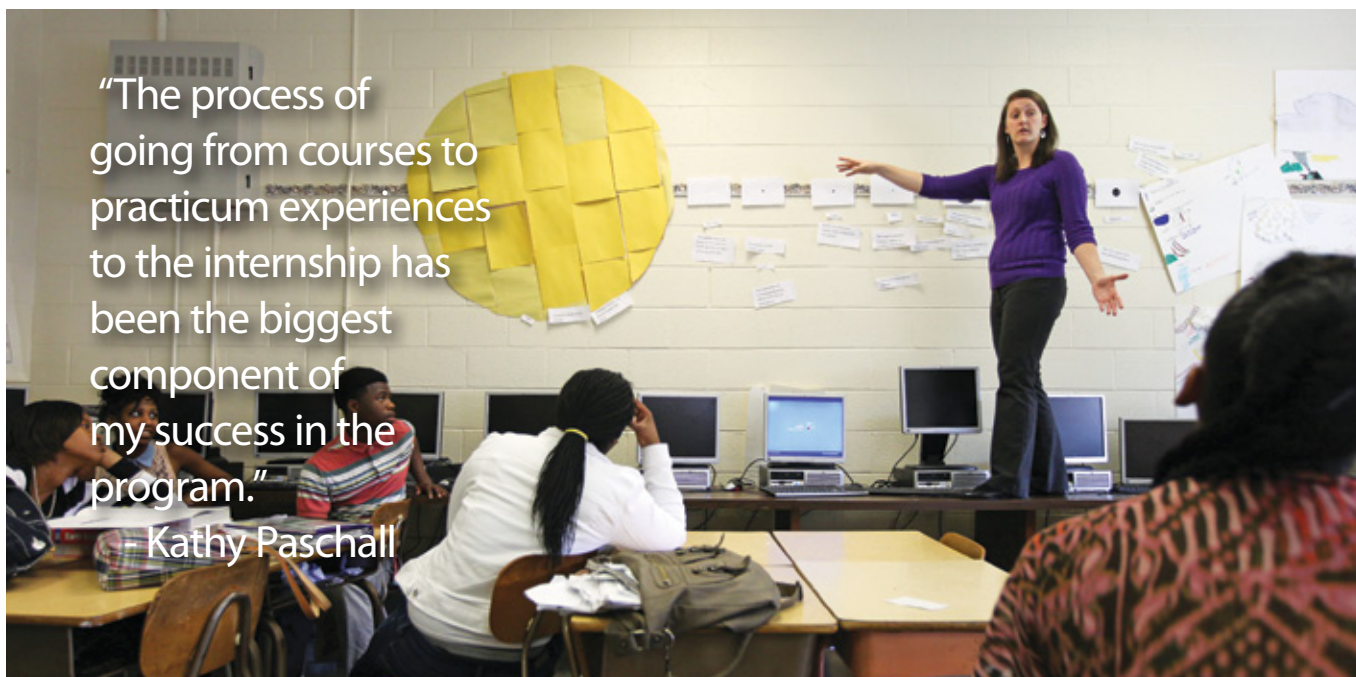
"I want these students to succeed, and I tell them that I expect them to succeed," she said of her Swansboro pupils. "Even something as simple as that can make a huge difference in a child's life. Every student deserves an excellent education, and where better to start than in the heart of Virginia?"



## STUDENTS AT WORK

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— Kathy Paschall



Photos by Norm Shafer

Spring semester, UMW education graduate students Kathy Paschall, in top photos, and Tally Botzner, bottom, were named the first Ukrop's Fellows. The program for teaching interns helps Richmond public schools hire and retain the best-prepared teachers. Botzner completed a master's degree in May and will teach in Richmond this fall. Paschall got a teaching certificate in May and plans to graduate in December.





## UMW Welcomes New Provost

Proven champion of liberal arts joins the UMW team

In his new position as University of Mary Washington provost – chief academic administrator – longtime educator and administrator Jonathan Levin will:

- Oversee enrollment management, academic programming, and faculty matters.
- Lead teaching and research initiatives.
- Work with the UMW Strategic Resource Allocation Task Force.

And that's just for starters.

Levin will draw on more than 20 years' experience in higher education at public and private institutions. Most recently, he was dean of the Drew University College of Liberal Arts, where he helped increase underrepresented minorities and boost the mean GPA of incoming students. He also worked to integrate the New Jersey school's strategic plan, which emphasized the expansion of global, civic, and professional

engagement opportunities for students.

Before Drew, Levin was professor and dean at Purchase College in New York. He was professor of English at Columbia University, where he directed the master's degree program, and at Fordham University, where he chaired the English department and was acting director of American studies. Levin's specialties include 19th- and 20th-century American literature and culture, and literature and the environment.

He holds a bachelor's degree in English and French from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, a master's degree in English from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in English from Rutgers University.

Levin replaced Ian Newbould, who served as interim provost from April 2012 through June 2013. Levin is UMW's second full-time provost; Jay Harper, appointed by then-President Judy Hample in 2009, was the first.



Drew University

Jonathan Levin

## Gift Helps Preservation Students

Historic preservation majors soon will have a chance to receive extra tuition assistance, thanks to a generous gift. The Northern Virginia branch of Preservation Virginia and Prince William County presented UMW with \$35,000 this spring for a new scholarship.

Beginning fall 2014, the merit-based Milton Grigg Northern Virginia APVA Scholarship will be available to junior and senior historic preservation majors who live in certain localities.

Grigg, a Virginia architect who died in 1982, was an important contributor to the field of historic preservation and is best known for his restoration work at Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg.

"As one of the nation's premier institutions for the study of historic preservation, the University of Mary Washington is proud to be able to honor the memory of an esteemed architect and valiant preservationist," said Torre Meringolo, UMW's vice president for advancement and university relations.

The scholarship will be offered to residents of Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, and Arlington counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park.



Karen Pearlman

Becky Starling of Preservation Virginia and Rob Orrison (in green) of Prince William County Public Works present a check to UMW's Michael Spencer, assistant professor of historic preservation, and Torre Meringolo (far right), vice president for advancement and university relations. The money will fund the Milton Grigg Northern Virginia APVA Scholarship for historic preservation majors.





## Fall Arts on Campus

### *Exhibits at UMW Galleries this fall include:*

- *Converging Cultures: Works by Latino Artists*, Ridderhof Martin Gallery, Sept. 6-Oct. 4
- *UMW Art Faculty Exhibition*, duPont Gallery, Sept. 6-Oct. 4
- *Anarchist Abstraction*, Ridderhof Martin and duPont galleries, Oct. 25-Dec. 2

Admission is free. Call UMW Galleries at 540/654-1013 for information.

### *Shows at Klein Theatre include:*

- *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, Sept. 19-29
- *Spring Awakening*, Nov. 7-24

For tickets and information, call Klein Theatre Box Office at 540/654-1111.

### *Music in Dodd Auditorium includes:*

- UMW Philharmonic, *Masterworks: Classical Music's Bad Boys*, Oct. 19
- Concert Band and Jazz Band Combined Concert, free, Nov. 15
- UMW Holiday Choir Concert, free, Nov. 17
- UMW Philharmonic, *Pops*, Dec. 5 and 6

Call 540/654-1324 for information and tickets.

*Red Marionette* by Veronica Jaeger, oil on canvas, is part of the upcoming exhibit, *Converging Cultures: Works by Latino Artists*.

## Arts Are in Fredericksburg's Stars



Karen Pearlman

Shown above are, from left, DWFS judge and community volunteer Dori Eglevsky with contestants Hurley, retired judge J. Martin Bass, DPW Training & Associates President and CEO Deirdre Powell White '91, Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce President Susan Garnett Spears, Virginia Partners Bank CEO Bill Young, and Mary Washington Healthcare President and CEO Fred M. Rankin III. Absent from the picture are Miss America 2010 Caressa Cameron-Jackson, Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center President and CEO Ellen Killough, and CBRE Senior Vice President Richmond McDaniel.

The stars aligned at Brompton in May – not over the UMW president's home, but inside it.

UMW President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose welcomed not only arts donors to thank them for their generous patronage of UMW Arts in the Community, but also the dancers who will compete in Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars (DWFS), an upcoming Arts in the Community event.

Hurley is among the local celebrity contestants who will bring their can-do attitudes and best dancing shoes to the Aug. 17 benefit to boost arts education. Proceeds will endow a UMW performing arts scholarship.

To learn more about DWFS or to purchase tickets, go to [fredericksburgstars.umw.edu](http://fredericksburgstars.umw.edu) or call 540/654-1065.





## Researchers Give Helicopter Parenting Another Whirl

Soon after recovering from a media swarm surrounding a study they published last June, UMW Associate Professors of Psychology **Holly Hollomon Schiffrin '94** and Miriam Liss made headlines again.

Time.com, Forbes.com, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* clamored after the pair when their original research on intensive parenting ran in the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. That project, co-authored with then-undergraduate student **Kathryn Rizzo '12**, revealed that overinvolved parenting – sometimes called “helicopter parenting” – can negatively affect a mother’s health.

Schiffrin and Liss continued to research the phenomenon, shifting their focus to college students.

In an online survey, nearly 300 participants ages 18 to 23 agreed or



New research by Miriam Liss and Holly Schiffrin has them back in the news.

disagreed with statements like “My mother monitors my diet,” “My mother does my laundry when I come home,” and “My mother had a say in what major I chose.”

The results, published in February in the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, showed that, rather than helping their grown children, overinvolved parents

may contribute to a decreased sense of competence and autonomy. This, in turn, seemed to be related to depression and dissatisfaction.

“By not allowing children to try, and, yes, also to fail, they may never develop the skills necessary to succeed in the future,” Schiffrin and Liss wrote in a Mother’s Day opinion piece for *The Free Lance-Star*. “Parents may be sending an unintentional message that they don’t believe their children are capable of solving their own problems.”

UMW Associate Professor of Psychology Mindy J. Erchull, **Haley Miles-McLean '13**,

**Katherine A. Geary '12**, and **Taryn Tashner '12** also participated in the study.

Liss and Schiffrin will reveal more of their findings in a book they’re writing about parenting and the work-family balance. It will be published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

## Relay for Life



More than 400 faculty, staff, students, and community members – including President Richard V. Hurley and his wife, Rose – were at UMW April 6 to build awareness and collect funds for cancer research and to celebrate cancer survivors. The annual all-night UMW Relay for Life raised more than \$46,000 for the American Cancer Society this spring. “UMW’s Relay for Life 2013 was more than just a magnificent night of celebration, remembrance, and fighting back against cancer,” said Katie Sue Van Valkenburg '14, a member of the student Relay for Life planning committee. “Relay for Life represents a full year of dedication to helping such a worthy cause.”

Norm Shafer

## STEM Summit Showcases Area Technology



Students from across the region competed and learned at the second annual FredTech STEM 16 Summit.

The second annual FredTech STEM 16 Summit brought more than 350 educators, students, community members, and business leaders to the University of Mary Washington in April.

Teams from UMW, Germanna Community College, regional elementary and secondary schools, businesses, and nonprofit organizations presented more than 45 projects. The summit featured a STEM career panel and seminars on women in technology and STEM programming in school districts.

The UMW Office of Admissions and the departments of Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Earth and Environmental Sciences, and Mathematics participated. The College of Education offered a 3D printing demonstration.

**David Peworchik '14**, who studies computer science, received the 2013-2014 SWIFT Scholarship in Computer Science. The merit scholarship goes to a top computer science major in the region and is funded by the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT).

UMW students **Alex Gilley**, **Zach Goodwyn**, **Jerome Mueller**, and **Russell Ruud** were named SWIFT Student Research Fellows for 2013-14. They received funding from SWIFT and UMW to present their part of an interdisciplinary research project in pharmaceutical discovery at the Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment conference in San Diego in July. The students will work with the types of supercomputers and data analysis that can lead to new disease treatments, said Associate Professor Karen Anewalt, chair of the Department of Computer Science.

In conjunction with the summit, UMW held a titration competition and its seventh annual calculus tournament. David Kerr, a program lead in the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Communications, gave the keynote lecture.

## Hyatt Rises to Win State Award



Architect's rendering of the Hyatt at Eagle Village, slated to open by November.

As workers erected its steel skeleton, the Hyatt Place Fredericksburg at Eagle Village was already reeling in kudos.

At its March conference, the Virginia Economic Development Association presented the University of Mary Washington and Fredericksburg with a Community Economic Development Award. The honor recognized the creative joint efforts of the University and Fredericksburg in securing city and state funding for the \$15 million hotel project.

City Council approved a \$310,000 grant in 2011 for construction of the five-story, 93-room Hyatt. The UMW Foundation and Fredericksburg collaborated to secure a matching grant, the first awarded through the new Virginia Tourism Development Financing Program, which gives incentives to developers whose projects benefit business and tourism.

Eagle Village, owned and operated by the UMW Foundation, is Fredericksburg's first mixed-use development, housing student apartments, retail and office space, and a parking deck. It adjoins the Mary Washington Hospital Campus. A pedestrian bridge across U.S. 1 connects the development to the Fredericksburg campus and will give hotel guests easy access to sports, concerts, and other events hosted at the Anderson Center.

The hotel is scheduled to open this fall.



# Hall of Famer Joins UMW Team

By Robert Burke

Lindsay Erica Studio



**Former Washington Redskin Darrell Green, considered by many the greatest cornerback of all time, signed on with the Eagles this spring. "Present-day energy is happening here," Green said of UMW in late April.**

One of the Washington Redskins' all-time greats is now a University of Mary Washington Eagle.

NFL Hall of Fame cornerback Darrell Green, who played pro football for 20 years and helped his team win two Super Bowls, has joined the UMW athletics department on a limited basis as a special assistant for student-athlete development and public relations. The announcement was made at the annual UMW sports award banquet in April.

Green, 53, will be both adviser and mentor for student athletes. Coming to UMW is a way to keep working with young people, he said, which he's been doing since early in his pro career. In 1988, Green created the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, which today supports programs for disadvantaged youths in Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. "We're just going to sincerely work to make life better for young people. That's what I like doing," he said.

Green's new role with UMW started early this year, when Green called UMW Athletics Director Ken Tyler to offer his help coaching the school's track team. Though Green pursued a pro football career, he also earned All America status in the early 1980s as a sprinter at Texas A&I University, now called Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Green said he was drawn to UMW in part because it reminded him of his time at Texas A&I. "It's so similar to what I came from," he said. After visiting the campus and talking with Tyler, "it became very evident that we could do more with this. I think that there's something fresh and new about this place now."

Tyler jokingly called Green "the best recruit I've ever signed." He said Green will also have a role in recruiting athletes. "It raises our profile, and that's important," Tyler said. "When we are able to point to an affiliation and a relationship with Darrell Green, I think that is a great example of our commitment to excellence. And I would hope that prospective student athletes and their families would want to be affiliated with that."

Tyler said the athletic department is "just beginning a grass-roots development program" and predicts that Green's involvement will make a big difference in that effort.

As a player, the 5-foot-9-inch Green earned Pro Bowl honors seven times and was a four-time winner of the NFL's Fastest Man competition. Green's off-the-field work with young people also won him several awards, including the 1996 NFL Man of the Year award. Green and his wife, Jewell, live in Ashburn, Va., and have three children – Jerrell, Jared, and Joi. All three are either in or just out of college now, and Green said he's got time on his hands. "We should share what we know and what we do," he said of his job at UMW. "I'll look at these kids like they're my own."



Lisa Charney



Alex Anderson



Liz Green



David Heller

## Student Athletes Soar

UMW names scholar-athletes and athletes of the year

**Liz Green '14** and **David Heller '14** were named UMW scholar-athletes of the year.

Green is the 2011 CAC Runner of the Year winner in cross-country and earned all-conference and all-region honors in the 2012 season. The business administration major is from Viera, Fla.

Heller is a UMW soccer team member who was an All-Capital Athletic Conference team member. The business administration major is from Alexandria, Va.

**Lisa Charney '13** and **Alex Anderson '15** were named the first-ever UMW athletes of the year.

Charney is a consensus first-team All America selection who led the UMW field hockey team to a 20-2 record and the CAC Championship. She was named CAC Conference Player

of the Year and the Synapsesports.com national Division III Player of the year, and she was chosen for first team all-region, first team all-conference, and first team all-state recognition. The psychology major from Fairfax, Va., helped UMW reach the NCAA Final Four and scored 25 goals for the season.

Anderson is a three-time All America winner at the NCAA Division III Championships. The chemistry major from Vienna, Va., won the national championship in the 400-yard individual medley and was named CAC Men's Swimmer of the Year.

The athletes were given these honors at the annual spring sports banquet, held in April.

Learn more about UMW athletics at [umweagles.com](http://umweagles.com).

## UMW Takes CAC All-Sports Award



UMW Athletics Director Ken Tyler and President Richard V. Hurley

UMW combined seven Capital Athletic Conference championships with six second-place finishes to capture the 2012-13 Richard C. Cook All-Sports Award, the Eagles' first since 2004-05. The award goes to the CAC member that accumulates the most points during the academic year.

UMW captured the CAC trophy in men's and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, women's cross-country, field hockey, and women's indoor track and field on the way to scoring 156 overall points. Mary Washington also gained top honors in the Women's Commissioner's Award chase for the second time in three years, scoring 90 points in 11 championship sports.



A person with long dark hair is seen from behind, looking out over a vast, deep blue ocean. The water is textured with small waves and reflects the light. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# PATIENT DOCTOR

**Maureen Argo Marks '75 was an accomplished swimmer with a teaching career, a master's degree, five children, and an unfulfilled desire to become a physician. In the solitude of water, she heard the voice that sent her after her dream.**

| By Kelly Bennett | Photos By Sam Hodgson







**Maureen Marks** has always been surrounded. She's the oldest of seven kids. She has five of her own, and six grandkids. She's in a book club. She takes community college classes at night. She's going to France this summer with nine friends she's known for decades. And for the past six years, she's been a doctor – seeing streams of patients into the evenings at her family practice in eastern San Diego.

But at dawn, when Marks jumps in the pool to swim, she has only one person to listen to. It's the same voice she's listened to as long as she's lived. Her own.

It's what pushed her to learn several European languages, what inspired her to swim from Alcatraz to Fisherman's Wharf five times. It's the voice that didn't let her forget, decades later, five kids later, that the chemistry degree she earned at Mary Washington College in 1975 was really a pre-med major. She dreamed of being a doctor.

## **A love letter barrage**

Maureen Argo came to Mary Washington College when it was just shedding the tradition of a women's school. She competed in backstroke and 200-yard freestyle on the college team and swam with the Terrapins synchronized swim club. She majored in chemistry and minored in German.

To help put herself through college, she was a lifeguard at the Fort Belvoir Army post. There was another lifeguard, a



Maureen Marks reaches across her desk to a memento of one of five Alcatraz swims she completed in the San Francisco Bay. Other photos are of family and friends.

guy named Bob Marks, who Maureen didn't get along with very well. Back at Mary Washington, she had a friend who said she'd gotten a letter from Bob, who was in school at the Virginia Military Institute.

Maureen felt a jolt of jealousy. "I thought, 'Why is he writing *her*?' "

She mobilized a letter-writing campaign, rallying her dorm-mates to flood Bob's mailbox with love letters – maybe to throw him off the track of this other girl.

Bob volleyed back. He rounded up some VMI cadets, and they penned odes to the Mary Washington girls. Then one weekend, Bob and three friends came to see Maureen and one of her pals. The pair clicked on a trip into Georgetown and started dating the next summer.

When Bob proposed, Maureen didn't want a long engagement. She wrapped up her studies, switched her German double major to a minor and graduated a semester early.

## I'll never go back to school

After graduating pre-med, Marks never imagined she'd waitress at the Holiday Inn. But she did, and she substituted at schools while Bob dove into law school at Washington and Lee University. When their first son was 8 weeks old, the military sent Bob and the family to Germany.

Marks picked up gigs teaching swimming and German lessons to the American G.I.s, taking her pupils on outings to restaurants and getting them out of the barracks, all the while raising two young sons.

When they came back to the United States in the early 1980s, the couple decided to move to San Diego. Marks' list of jobs ballooned. She worked as a substitute teacher, a math and science aide at a Catholic school, a swimming instructor, a tutor.

Marks swam in the mornings and raised her sons to be Eagle Scouts. She'd have the kids fed, bathed, and finished with their homework by the time Bob got home from work.

"I'd say, probably all through my 30s, I thought, 'Oh, I'll never go back to school.' "

But one time, Marks went to San Francisco for the weekend with some girlfriends who'd raised their kids together in La Mesa.



**Maureen Penelope Argo, as pictured in the 1975 *Battlefield* yearbook, was a chemistry major who minored in German. She swam on the Terrapins synchronized swim team and competed in backstroke and freestyle for Mary Washington.**

"I got on the cable car," Marks said. "We jumped on last-minute, and there's an Indian woman. And she was young. And she just started talking to me, and I asked her, 'What are you doing?' And she said, 'I'm going to medical school.' "

## The moment startled her

"I was thinking, 'I'm really jealous,' " Marks said. "And that's when I thought, 'You know, I still have that dream.' "

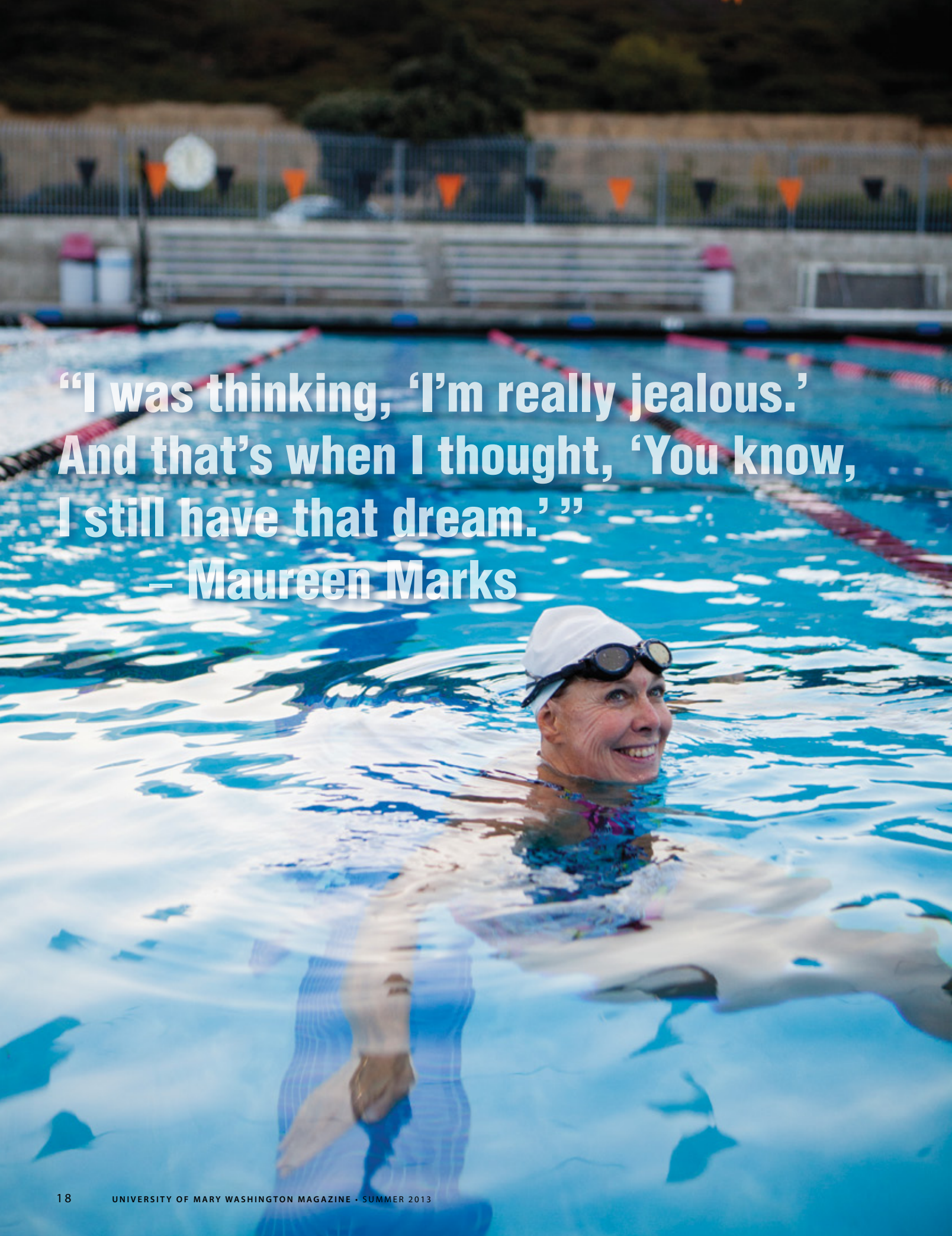
When her youngest son went to kindergarten, she began to research. She picked up a job in a hospital rehab center to add some medical experience to her résumé. She took genetics and immunology and prepared to take the MCAT – the Medical College Admission Test – to get into medical school.

"When I started applying to school, that's when I realized, like, 'Wow, I got a really good education at Mary Washington,' " she said. "Because when I took the MCAT, it was really not that difficult to study for, after 25 years."

Still, Marks was in her late 40s. She and Bob had snapped up a recession-time deal on an oceanfront duplex in Pacific Beach and planned to renovate it. Even her parents tried to dissuade her from picking up the doctor dream.

But Marks' voice, the one she listens to underwater in the morning, is the one she can pick out even – maybe especially



A woman with a joyful expression is swimming in a pool. She is wearing a white swim cap and goggles perched on her head. Her arms are extended forward in a freestyle stroke. The pool has lane lines, and the background shows bleachers and a fence under a clear sky.

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– when she’s doing something unconventional. She reminded her globe-trotting, military-trained father that he’d gone back to school to become an accountant at 55.

Younger sister **Margaret Argo Page ’82** said the age milestone didn’t faze her sister.

“She would say, ‘In four years, I’m going to be 50. Why not get there and be a doctor?’ ” Page said. “Our family is like that. We keep reinventing ourselves.”

Marks tracked down a professor from her college days, John George, UMW professor emeritus of chemistry, who wrote in wholehearted support of her application. “I would without hesitation put my life in her hands, were she my doctor,” he wrote in a letter of recommendation.

With that, Marks applied. When none of the U.S. schools accepted her, she didn’t waver.

She looked into a university in the Caribbean, a New Jersey-based medical school with training in Dominica – a place to do the academics required for medical students. She could return to the United States for hospital clinical training and residency.

“Well, it’s now or never,” she remembered thinking. “When you want to do something, you just do it.”

She and her youngest children – Ellen, then 13, and Daniel, 8 – would move to Dominica.

They began to pack and included things they wouldn’t be able to get on the volcanic island northwest of Martinique.

“I don’t think I processed it until – I remember packing trunks of granola bars,” Ellen, now 25, said. “That was my first hint that something was definitely going to change.”

## **We had to boil all our water**

It’s not that the hurdles haven’t been there. It’s just as if Marks doesn’t see them.

Move to Dominica, a lightly developed island of fewer than 75,000 people, with two kids?

Her description is hardly reassuring: “They still used carbon paper for everything. We had to boil all our water. It was really, really hot.”

Along the road, she’d see groups of men with scars on their faces, carrying machetes.

But she met the challenge. Bob came as often as he could but remained mostly in San Diego to work on the



**Marks children Daniel and Ellen with a coconut vendor on Dominica, where they lived for two years.**

government contract disputes he litigates. Ellen and Daniel found some boldness in traipsing around the island, every so often checking in with their mother.

“We just became these little adults,” Ellen said. “There were only about five places she would be. We had a system, and we were kind of like a team.”

The two years in the books were stressful. Marks would often study until midnight, wake up at 6 a.m., pull her textbooks up off the floor where she’d cast them, and start again.

But the years were fruitful, too. She became close with her classmates, cooking big group dinners. She kept swimming, to a rusty buoy and back. And she drank it all in.

“I just love the human body, and I wanted to learn everything about it,” she said. “I also love people. I just love people.”

Her quest was far from complete when she left Dominica.

Back in the United States, Marks spent her next clinical years in medical school in Bakersfield, Calif., about a five-hour drive from San Diego. She made the trip on weekends, cooking meals and doing laundry before returning for the week.

It wasn’t easy to balance her family with her studies. She did one clinical experience in South Africa, another on a Native American reservation in San Diego, another in Hawaii. But even when she moved to Iowa for her residency, she flew back once a month to participate in mother-daughter charity events with Ellen, by then in high school.





Marks gets a high five from her coach at the La Jolla High School pool in San Diego, where she and her husband take their early morning swims.

Finally, by 2007, she'd done it – finished med school and residency. Along the way she'd also turned 50; her parents had passed away; her kids were in various stages of high school, college, and careers; Bob had finished the Pacific Beach house; and her diploma read “Maureen Penelope Argo Marks, M.D.”

Despite all the effort it took, it's not the diplomas she favors displaying in her office, but the memorabilia from the Alcatraz Sharkfests – the five 1.5-mile swims she has made from the historic island prison through the notorious currents and bone-chilling water of the San Francisco Bay. “It's not that I'm not proud of it,” she said of her M.D. “I just don't need to flaunt it.”

## Don't feel limited in any way

On a Monday evening about 5:30, inside a kind of mini-hospital health center, Marks skims through more than a

dozen emails from patients, signs off on her medical student's hours, and collects a few last notes from her nurse. Marks is a family doctor at the Kaiser Permanente center in La Mesa, the eastern San Diego County city where she used to live.

Mondays are extended hours, and any patient from the center can make an evening appointment to see a doctor. It's a long day to start the week.

Marks pops into one room to examine a woman who's been awakening to vertigo. In the next, she wallops a diabetic woman's foot with a vibrating fork to test her sensitivity. A third woman complains she can't lift her arm above her head.

Marks pokes and stretches and suggests tests and treatments. The Kaiser system suits her approach: Encourage prevention and regular interventions. The doctors can earn awards for managing their patients with diabetes or heart disease. Recently a woman came in after receiving a flurry of reminders about routine tests, letters Kaiser helps its doctors send. The system worked: Marks' team caught early breast cancer in the patient.



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Marks, 60, sat for the Medical College Admission Test 25 years after receiving her undergraduate chemistry degree. Preparing for the test wasn't that difficult, she said, because of the quality of her Mary Washington education.

Marks can work at Kaiser for five more years before the system will force her to retire.

She thinks she might travel to different cities, or maybe rural areas, to work for a few months at a time. She wants to learn to play guitar. “I have a lot of energy,” she said. “I’m not ready to retire.”

The boundless energy, and the drive to do something with it, stand out to Ellen, who’s in law school now. She said she didn’t process how different and good her life had been until she got to college. Still, stories about her childhood and her mother surprise her friends.

“Usually I say that she’s crazy first,” she said. “That’s the way I preface any explanation of the last years since 2000.”

But those years push Ellen to think about her own life and career differently.

“It teaches me not to feel limited by even the label of my job,” she said. “She started a new career when she was 48. That teaches me not to feel limited in any way.”

## Time to think

When Marks finally leaves the office later in the evening, she sets her alarm for 5:40 the next morning. Bob, who goes with her to the pool, will have been awake since 5.

“He wants to sit and drink his coffee in the dark house,” she said. “I get up as late as possible.”

But when she hits the water, she remembers.

“You’re alone when you’re swimming. It gives you time to think,” she said. “There’s nobody but you and the water. Your head’s underwater. It’s just kind of a relaxing time.”

She’ll finish the swim and drive home. She’ll leave herself about 10 minutes to make some tea, curl her hair, put on makeup, and head out to the clinic. And after another full day of patients, she’ll head to the community college for French class.

As if to explain, Marks mentions a patient who’s 100. Her husband is 107.

“Sixty’s sounding pretty young.” 🏠



# A WALK





# TO REMEMBER



University of Mary Washington celebrates the Class of 2013 at the 102nd Commencement.

| Photos by Norm Shafer





The black-gowned columns marched under joyful campanile bells and through the strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*, with bagpipes skirling at the rear.

The mingled sounds of undergraduate commencement morning, May 11, were all the more delightful because of one the Class of 2013 didn't hear – thunder.

A storm the night before had rinsed the Carmen Culpeper Chappell Centennial Campanile, Campus Walk, and the commencement stage in Ball Circle. The Eagle Pipe Band had rain gear at the ready, and some degree candidates and family members carried umbrellas to fend off a predicted morning soaking.

But when Acting Provost Ian Newbould took the stage to welcome those gathered, he commented on the blue sky. The crowd let loose a cheer.

Nothing would dampen this day.

President Richard V. Hurley set the tone of the morning, praising graduates for their intelligence, energy, creativity,

- Take your grandparents or other elders to lunch, and listen to them. Then pick up the tab.
- Accept that you might have to do humble, unglamorous work while establishing a career, and give it your best anyway. All successful people, he said, have done things they didn't want to do on the way to getting where they are.

Graduates should respect the achievements of their forebears but not limit themselves to working within established boundaries. "Remember that you came into the world as an inheritor of something," Pemberton said, "but you will most be measured by that which you dare to build."

Undergraduates weren't the only ones to receive UMW degrees that weekend. On Friday, May 10, master's candidates from the College of Education and College of Business gathered at the Anderson Center to receive their degrees and hear comments from Dr. William "Bill" Cleveland Bosher Jr., public policy expert and former Virginia superintendent of education.

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**STEVE PEMBERTON**

integrity, and commitment. He suggested that they express appreciation for the family members who saw them through their educational journey, and the Class of 2013 stood to applaud.

Commencement speaker Steve Pemberton, an advocate for children, author, and chief diversity officer for Walgreens, outlined a challenging duty for the graduates.

"Every generation has a task, a charge with which they have been entrusted. Yours is this: to remind America what has made her great. And you are not too young or inexperienced to do it. You, the Mary Washington Class of 2013, are uniquely qualified to take on this task" because of the innovation, courage, and integrity instilled at UMW.

Not all of Pemberton's talk was so momentous. Among his lighter advice:

- Make your bed every day. "Because there are going to be some days when that is the best you do."

He urged graduates to hold onto their passion and enthusiasm as they continue in their chosen paths.

"I would say to those of you today with new skills and new knowledge: The day that you cease to be excited about young people, I don't want you teaching mine," Bosher said. "The day that you cease to be excited about your business or your company or what you sell or what you provide as a service, I don't want to buy it. Because part of this is not just being prepared with new skills and knowledge, but part of it is the excitement that you have."

At both commencements, joy and handshakes came with a tear or two. But if the new graduates were sad to leave a place where they'd challenged their intellects, forged friendships, and shaped their futures, they were also elated by their accomplishments.

Whatever comes next, the University of Mary Washington Class of 2013 is ready. 🏡

– Brynn Boyer and Laura Moyer



The weather held. But members of the Class of 2013 and their families came prepared with umbrellas and ponchos – and with cellphones, cameras, and arms wide open for hugs. In all, UMW awarded 1,273 bachelor's and master's degrees during commencement weekend. At far left is President Richard V. Hurley; at top right is undergraduate commencement speaker Steve Pemberton.

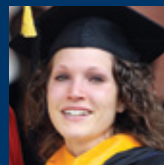




Graduates and their families were all smiles as they celebrated their achievements. Graduate commencement speaker William "Bill" Boshier Jr. (bottom, right) asked master's degree candidates to hold fast to their passion for learning and teaching.

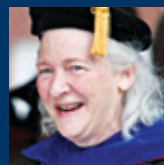


## UMW presented its top honors during commencement ceremonies:



The **Colgate Darden Jr. Award** is presented to the student with the highest grade-point average in the four-year undergraduate program.

**Courtney A. Lynn** of Virginia Beach



The **Grellet C. Simpson Award** is given to a senior faculty member for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

**Joella Killian**, professor of biology



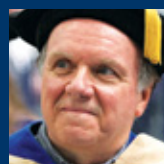
The **Mary W. Pinschmidt Award**, selected by the graduating class, goes to the faculty member students will remember as having had the greatest impact on their lives.

**Daniel J. Hubbard**, associate professor of accounting and management information systems



The **Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award** recognizes an exceptional faculty member who has served the University for two to five years.

**Melanie D. Szulczewski**, assistant professor of environmental science



The **Graduate Faculty Award** is given to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in graduate teaching and professional leadership in a graduate program.

**Louis A. Martinette**, associate professor of management and marketing

## BY THE NUMBERS

The University of Mary Washington awarded these degrees in May:

- 484** bachelor of science
- 418** bachelor of arts
- 111** master of education
- 85** master of business administration
- 63** bachelor of professional studies
- 61** bachelor of liberal studies
- 34** master of science in elementary education
- 15** master of science in management information systems
- 2** master of business administration/master of science in management information systems

Four faculty and an administrator received emeritus status:

- Roy F. Gratz**, distinguished professor emeritus of chemistry
- Margaret Ann Mi**, professor emerita of marketing
- Denis Nissim-Sabat**, professor emeritus of psychology
- Larry W. Penwell**, professor emeritus of management and philosophy
- Meta Robinson Braymer**, vice president emerita of economic development and regional engagement



# Potter's Fire

| Story by Laura Moyer

| Photos by Norm Shafer



Ellen Shoemake needed expert help to finish a wood-fired kiln her late husband had started building on their rural property. Assistant Professor of Art Jon McMillan provided hands-on expertise and students willing to work hard for a unique educational and artistic experience.







# Building . . . . .



Spotsylvania County resident Charles Shoemake wanted to build a lasting gift to wife Ellen, who is a potter. But as the couple worked on a wood-fired kiln on their farm, his health declined. He passed away in May 2012, the project unfinished.

Ellen Shoemake was determined to see the dream realized. She turned to the University of Mary Washington and Assistant Professor of Art Jon McMillan, an expert in building and firing kilns.

For two semesters, McMillan and students traveled to the Shoemake farm, contributing hundreds of hours to the project. Through their work, the students learned the principles and practicalities of an ancient method of firing pottery.

At last the kiln was completed and filled bottom to top with works by McMillan and his students. For research, they tried different combinations of materials – in all, seven kinds of clay and 50 glazes.

For 30 hours in early May, McMillan and students including **Christina Bendo '13**, **Trey Foster '13**, **Anna Moulis '13**, **Katie Sleyman '13**, and **Michelle Howell '14** fired the kiln using donated scrap wood from a nearby sawmill. They took turns napping in a garage apartment Ellen Shoemake made available, and they fueled their vigil with generous helpings of her chicken enchiladas and pinto beans.

Days later, they gathered to unload the kiln and examine the finished pottery.





*Opposite page:*

During spring semester, professor Jon McMillan worked intensively with Christina Bendo (in tie-dyed shirt), Katie Sleyman (in vest), and Trey Foster (not pictured) to complete the kiln as part of an undergraduate research project. They worked on the shape and structure of the kiln, built wooden arch forms, and placed bricks in precise order. The project took hundreds of hours to complete.

*Clockwise from right:*

A nearby sawmill provided scraps of pine and hardwoods, which students hauled, cut to length, and stacked in preparation for the first firing. They prepared much of the wood in advance but still had some to work on while the kiln heated. Pictured are Foster, Anna Moulis, and Michelle Howell.

Bendo stokes the kiln while McMillan operates the firebox door. The kiln was stoked every 10 minutes for 30 hours of firing. The internal temperature reached 2,380 degrees.

Every hour, students recorded the rate of temperature climb, change in air supply, and other observations and variations. The results will be studied and reproduced or adjusted for future firings.

As evening falls, a log's addition sends flame and smoke up the insulated chimney. Through the night, team members took turns getting a few hours' sleep. Those on duty worked to maintain a steady increase in kiln temperature and noted their observations of the process.



## Firing







Once the kiln cooled, students were eager for their first look inside. The pots that emerged varied in form and glaze, and many were technically and artistically satisfying. But as Foster (below, left) learned, things don't always turn out as predicted.

"Despite a few surprises, the firing was very successful," McMillan said. "It's rare for students to have the opportunity to participate in every aspect of this complex process. Their investment of time and effort paid off in an exciting experience, a wealth of knowledge, and some beautiful ceramic art." 🏠

## Unloading







# Field of Opportunity

The Stafford campus grew on 48 acres and one woman's wits

| By Donya Currie

Norm Shafer

**Meta Braymer, vice president for economic development and regional engagement, retired in June after nearly a quarter century at UMW.**

When Meta Braymer met with then-Mary Washington President William M. Anderson Jr. for a job interview in 1989, she was excited about the possibility of helping to expand educational opportunities for students. But she also was a bit nervous about commuting daily from her home in Richmond.

Thousands of commuter miles and hundreds of audio books later, Braymer is glad she took the job. Hired in 1990 as associate vice president for academic affairs and director of graduate and continuing education, Braymer oversaw the development of the University's Stafford campus, which opened its doors to students in 1999.

"When we opened that campus, it was absolutely thrilling to stand at the door and hear people say thank you for the ability to earn a degree close to home," Braymer said. She credits a top-notch team of faculty and staff for bringing the Stafford campus to fruition.

What started as 48 acres of vacant farmland now includes two state-of-the-art buildings with 23 classrooms, six computer labs, 30 faculty offices, a library, University Hall, and more.

"I had to decide how in the world to start a new campus,"

Braymer said. "We all learned it together because nobody here had started a new campus, either. We were starting with no campus, no buildings, no students, nothing."

Bill Anderson remembers that what Braymer did have was a wealth of experience in continuing education and a passion and enthusiasm for her job that inspired everyone around her.

"I just knew she was the right person," said Anderson, UMW president from 1983 until his retirement in 2006. "It turned out to be one of the very best moves we ever made."

Braymer was so well regarded that in 2003 she became just the second person to be awarded UMW's highest honor, the Washington Medallion for Service to the University of Mary Washington. In another important role, she has been actively involved in the Women's Colloquium for Professional Women, which she founded in 1994.

"We need more women leaders," said Braymer, who recalled that when Anderson took her on a tour to meet leaders in the area during that 1989 interview, she met no women. "You still don't see enough women at the table."

Her daughter, Meredith, was 8 when Braymer embarked on her Mary Washington career, and Braymer felt the same





**Meta Braymer at the table with other administrators last year and at the 2006 groundbreaking for the North Building, the second building at the Stafford campus.**

tug many mothers experience when driven by both career and home life.

“I missed the middle-of-the-day violin concerts,” Braymer said, remembering that in the early weeks of the Mary Washington job, Meredith had nightmares about her mother dying. But in 1999, when the Stafford campus opened, Meredith wrote a school paper about how proud she was to see her mother, clad in a bright green ensemble among a sea of men in dark gray suits, embodying a woman in a leadership role.

A coffee cup on Braymer’s desk reads “she who must be obeyed,” but Braymer comes across as anything but a tyrannical leader.

“I just think Meta is the consummate academic professional,” said Anna Billingsley, UMW associate vice president for university relations. “She has a lot of vision and an ability to bring out the best in people.”

After successfully transforming the Stafford campus from idea to reality, in July 2011 Braymer was named UMW vice president for economic development and regional engagement. This spring the Board of Visitors resolved that in gratitude for her contributions to the University and the greater community, on her retirement Braymer would have “emerita” added to her title. In May, the UMW Center for Economic Development awarded the first Meta R. Braymer Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award, named to honor

Braymer’s commitment not only to economic development but also to increasing opportunities for women.

Braymer’s career included service on Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine’s Advisory Transition Policy Committee for Higher Education. She was a founding and board member of the Virginia Foundation for Women and a member of the Virginia Executive Committee to the American Council on Education for the Office of Women in Higher Education.

A native of Mississippi and a huge Elvis fan, she earned a bachelor’s degree from Maryville College, a master’s degree from The Ohio State University, and a doctorate in English from the University of Tennessee.

As Braymer prepared for retirement, she spoke of the books she plans to read and the stories she plans to write, the unfinished needlepoint project, a church mission trip, and the upcoming 40th wedding anniversary she plans to celebrate with her husband, John, on a Baltic cruise. And, she said, she is by no means finished with UMW.

Braymer plans to make that drive from Richmond to Fredericksburg about once a week starting in September. Her eyes light up when she talks about the “work in progress” of linking the University even more strongly with the local business community and economic development in the area. As she was about the birth of the Stafford campus, she’s excited about “getting to sit at the table and watch the magic happen.” 🏠





## Marion Sanford

By Lisa Chinn '92

Marion Sanford didn't think of herself as different until she started grad school at Iowa State University.

"I found myself for the first time in 22 years being the only African-American student in class," said Sanford, who grew up in Greenville, Miss. "I always knew I was African-American. I never felt like a minority."

Since then, she's been committed to bringing diversity to colleges, one campus at a time. As director of UMW's James Farmer Multicultural Center and Multicultural Student Affairs, Sanford juggles a parade of responsibilities. Whether she and her staff are planning for the thousands of guests who come to the Multicultural Fair each spring or putting together a peer-mentoring program, one name is never far from her mind.

"We're here to further the work of Dr. Farmer as it relates to equality," Sanford said of the late civil rights leader and beloved Mary Washington professor of history and American studies.

After earning a doctorate from Iowa State, Sanford served as assistant dean of students and director of a multicultural center at Marquette University and as dean of student affairs at Morris College. She came to UMW in 2011 and took nearly 5,000 Mary Washington students under her wing.

"They look to me for advice and guidance," said Sanford, who considers herself an adviser, a coach, and a sort of parent figure. "I try to be that person for them."

Sanford serves on multiple UMW committees and implements initiatives to celebrate cultural, religious, and sexual differences among students. She works with the UMW Multicultural Leadership Council to bring student leaders from ethnic and minority groups together with faculty and administrators.

Sanford and her team plan the back-to-back Cultural Awareness Series events that run September through April. The year culminates with the popular Multicultural Fair, one of the University's largest events.

When UMW kicked off another celebration, its semester-long commemoration of Farmer and the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Rides, Sanford was proud – and surprised. She learned, when she met Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, one of the four original Riders the festivities brought to campus, that the two are sorority sisters.

"We just hugged," Sanford said. A treasured photo of the moment is on display in her Lee Hall office, with "Go Deltas" written across it in Mulholland's hand. "It was like we suddenly became old friends."

Mulholland's stories – and those of other Freedom Riders



– resonate with Sanford, who recalled how she felt on that first day of grad school. She hopes that at UMW, she can make sure no one is truly alone.

"When I look at the students here, I think, 'I have walked in your shoes,'" she said. "I think that helps me connect with them and want them to succeed."

**What do you love most about UMW?** *Working with the students, helping them celebrate who they are, and sharing that sense of pride in their faces when they succeed. The spirit of collaboration and support across departments – Dining Services, University Relations, Facilities, Student Affairs – has been a pleasant surprise. There has not been a time when I've reached out to a department or office for assistance and not received it.*

**What would you change about UMW?** *One thing I appreciate about working here is the genuine commitment of administrators to bringing diversity and inclusion to all areas, especially in how it relates to our student body. I'd like to see those numbers increase. It's important for students of color – students of all demographics – to see people like themselves in different positions. It shows them they can do it, too.*

**How would you describe yourself?** *Sincere, easy-going, genuine, compassionate. I love what I do. I try to be an easy, comfortable person to interact with.*

**What motivates you?** *Probably the biggest thing is student service. Anyone in higher education is here for the students; their success is our success. There's nothing more rewarding for me than to see a student over the course of their time here grow and mature and excel.*

**What matters most to you?** *That people are treated fairly and respectfully. I look at the things taking place in the world today. There's so much injustice and unfair treatment. I'm trying to be an agent for positive social change and inspire others to do the same.*

**What are you afraid of?** *I worry about not getting through to a student or making a difference. And frogs!*

**What keeps you awake at night?** *Nervous energy about a major upcoming program. Making sure I've dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's. 🏠*





## Scenes From Reunion Weekend 2013







Some donned tiaras in a nod to Mary Washington's May Queen. Some draped themselves in peace signs and beads. Whatever their generation, UMW alumni were wrapped up in nostalgia at Reunion Weekend 2013. The three-day event, for those who graduated in years ending in 3 or 8, offered Alumni College sessions, class competitions, and a Virginia-wine tasting. An update from President Richard V. Hurley, a rollicking Saturday night all-class party, and a bittersweet farewell brunch had alums packing new Mary Washington memories and saying "so long" – until next time!

*Photos by Terry Cosgrove and Reza A. Marvashti*

## Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

**Meara Henley Peterson '05**



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Teenage pregnancy can be a touchy subject, but that doesn't stop **Meara Henley Peterson '05** from talking – and doing something – about it. A pediatric nurse practitioner at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Peterson provides care, especially reproductive care, for adolescents, ages 12 to 22.

Focused on fighting teenage

issues like unplanned pregnancy and dating violence, Peterson delivers care and compassion – important qualities to teens in peril – when she treats patients from Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee Juvenile Detention Center, and the Downtown Health Center. She recently pushed to establish a school-based clinic that now provides health care services to sixth- through 12th-graders at the Alliance School of Milwaukee.

For her hard work and dedication to providing medical care to adolescents, Peterson received UMW's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, reserved for recent graduates who have distinguished themselves in a profession or contributed significantly to Mary Washington.

Milwaukee Public Schools and Milwaukee Head Start also recognized Peterson's work, commending her on her efforts with the school-based clinic.

A member of both the national and the Milwaukee associations of nurse practitioners, Peterson holds a master's degree from Marquette University and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Her thesis project focused on supplying reproductive services to inner city schools where teenage-pregnancy rates are high. It was nominated for the Sandra R. Edwardson Award for Excellence in Doctor of Nursing Practice Leadership Projects.





## Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award

**Monecia Helton Taylor '81**

For **Monecia Helton Taylor '81**, more than three decades of separation from life as a Mary Washington student have only strengthened the connection she has with her alma mater.

Taylor is a member of the University Foundation Board. A former director of development at UMW, she served several years as a member of the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors, holding a longtime spot on its executive committee and serving from 2004 to 2006 as president.



**Monecia Helton Taylor**

For her enduring commitment to promoting Mary Washington, Taylor received the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award, which recognizes alumni for the longevity, consistency, and breadth of contributions.

Taylor has given to Mary Washington's celebrated Great Lives series. She has been a friend of the UMW-administered James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library and Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont and a member of the boards of the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra and the UMW Historic Preservation Council.

Taylor, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Mary Washington, supports today's students through the George

and Monecia Helton Taylor '81 Scholarship in Business, which she established with her late husband.

Often seen at University events, Taylor lives in Fredericksburg. She is an associate director at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

**Sally Abbott Pomputius '62**



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Even before opening her Springfield, Ohio, practice in 1967, family physician **Sally Abbott Pomputius '62** took pride in caring for people – especially the disadvantaged. For her contributions to her profession and community, Pomputius received the UMW Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The 1993 Ohio Family Physician of the Year has delivered babies for unwed mothers, visited battered children, and treated nursing home patients.

She was the only woman in her 1966 graduating class at the Medical College of Virginia, where she helped integrate the cafeteria. She worked with African-American women during childbirth, providing anesthesia that was not normally allowed to them. She earned a chemistry degree at Mary Washington in just three years.

Pomputius is Clark County Medical Society president and Springfield Manor medical director, as well as a National Board of Medical Examiners diplomat and American Academy of Family Physicians charter Fellow.

A former chair of Springfield's Mercy Medical Center Department of Family Practice, she helped turn Mercy Hospitals into one of the country's largest nonprofit systems and develop the Mercy Medical Continuing Care Center to help hospital patients transition to living in nursing centers.

Pomputius served as speaker and vice speaker of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians House of Delegates and as president of her local chapter. She was St. John's Church Council president and helped establish the St. John's center nursing home.

Today, though she battles multiple myeloma and lambda light chain disease, Pomputius and her husband, James, pursue their passion for ballroom dancing.



## Fighting for Rights



Aaron Samsel

**Aaron Samsel '07** describes himself as a fighter for social justice.

A first-year student at CUNY School of Law, he is putting that commitment to work this summer at CASA de Maryland, which advocates for the rights of immigrant workers in Maryland and the Washington, D.C., area.

Samsel received a 10-week stipend from the Peggy Browning Fund to support his summer work. More than 500 students from 139 law schools applied for Browning Fellowships this year; about 70 were awarded.

The fellowship is named in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a union-side attorney who was a member of the National Labor Relations Board from 1994 to 1997. Browning Fellows work in public-interest labor law positions nationwide.

"I am looking forward to the challenges, responsibilities, and privileges that come with such an honor, and I know that this will propel me toward my future as a movement lawyer," Samsel said in a Browning Fund press release.

Since his UMW years, Samsel has completed social justice leadership training at the Highlander Center in Tennessee; worked as a human rights observer in Chiapas, Mexico; and helped found the Faber, Va.-based Wayside Center for Popular Education, a retreat and training center for social justice workers.

He also earned a master's degree in socio-legal studies from York University in Toronto.

## W&L Honors Judge White



Pamela J. White

**Pamela J. White '74**, rector of the Board of Visitors, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Washington and Lee University this spring. Since 2007, White has been a judge for the circuit court of Maryland for Baltimore City.

White practiced law in Baltimore for three decades, handling cases involving discrimination, harassment, benefit disputes, wrongful discharges, and equal-pay violations. She was the first

woman to be named a partner at Ober/Kaler, Grimes & Shriver.

A UMW Distinguished Alumnus, White has been president of the Maryland State Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association. A supporter of legal services for the poor, she has done extensive *pro bono* work.

In 2007, White was selected as a Maryland Super Lawyer, an honor that involves recognition of extraordinary professional powers and "the ability to leap tall courthouses in a single bound."

White earned her law degree at Washington and Lee University's School of Law. In addition to leading the UMW Board of Visitors, she has served on the Board of Trustees at W&L and as president of the W&L Law Council.

White's award was presented at W&L's commencement exercises in May.

## Chicago Teacher Earns Golden Apple



Katherine Dube

**Katherine Dube '97** was selected in May as one of the top high school teachers in the Chicago area.

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn visited Dube's school, TEAM Englewood Community Academy, to congratulate her for being among 10 recipients of the 2013 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award carries a

cash prize and a tuition-free sabbatical to study for a quarter at Northwestern University.

Dube, who majored in English at Mary Washington and earned a master's degree from the University of New Hampshire, teaches high school freshmen who read at the fourth-grade to ninth-grade level. She makes her expectations for them clear right away: They're going to college.

Last year, her students achieved the highest reading gains for their grade level among 17 high schools, according to a Golden Apple press release.

"Katherine believes that learning requires risk-taking, respect, and trust in the teachers and school," the release said. She "is a dedicated and caring teacher who could teach elsewhere," but who sees her work as a calling to be answered passionately.



## Books by Faculty



### ***Social Skills Deficits in Students With Disabilities: Successful Strategies From the Disabilities Field***

By UMW Associate Professor of Education Helen Nicole Frye Myers

This text targets anyone who works with children with disabilities, including parents, teachers, counselors, and psychologists. The book looks at the effects of the social challenges often faced by youngsters with special needs. Counselors and special educators along with a psychologist and an occupational therapist weigh in on how to support development of these important skills and share with readers the strategies that have worked for them.

*Rowman & Littlefield Education, February 2013*

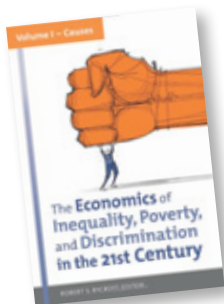


### ***Environmental Issues: Looking Towards a Sustainable Future, Fourth Edition***

By UMW Professor Emeritus of Geology Robert L. McConnell and Coastal Carolina University Associate Professor of Marine Science Daniel C. Abel

The authors of this fourth-edition text focus on using real-world environmental issues to foster the development of mathematical skills and critical thinking. Divided into seven sections that examine topics like climate change, population and migration, and threats to the ecosystem, the book tackles the complex issues of sustainability on local, regional, and global levels.

*Pearson Learning Solutions, December 2012*



### ***The Economics of Inequality, Poverty, and Discrimination in the 21st Century***

Edited by UMW Professor and Chair of Economics Robert S. Rycroft

Many UMW faculty and alumni contributed to this two-volume, 32-chapter interdisciplinary text, which examines the causes of poverty and inequality.

In it, prominent economists, sociologists, political scientists, philosophers, and lawyers from the U.S. and Canada tackle the question of whether poverty is propelled by societal institutions or by the personal choices of low-income individuals. They address the ways in which economic inequality affects societal mobility, exists in the U.S., affects Americans compared to those in other countries, and is balanced by social and economic policies.

In the introduction, Rycroft points to New York City's 2011 Occupy Wall Street movement and subsequent similar developments in more than 80 countries, including Ireland, Israel, Australia, and South Korea.

"Even in these relatively prosperous societies there is a great deal of discomfort about whether abundance is being shared fairly," Rycroft writes. "I think this book appears at the right time."

Contributing experts from UMW include Rycroft, Associate Professor of Economics Shawn Humphrey, College of Business Associate Dean for Operations and Outreach Kimberly Kinsley, and Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Kristin Marsh.

Stanford University Ph.D. candidate and entrepreneur **Christine Exley '09** (read more about Exley on page 59) and Bridgewater State University Assistant Professor of Economics **Matthew Parrett '98** also weigh in, along with a former UMW adjunct faculty member and two spouses of UMW faculty.

*Praeger, March 2013*

## Books by Alumni



### ***The Life and Death of Poetry: Poems***

By Kelly Cherry '61

In her ninth book of poetry, Cherry, former poet laureate of Virginia, examines the role that language and communication – from silence and the unsaid to literature and poetry – play in people's lives. The collection won the 2013 L.E. Phillabaum Poetry Award. Charles Rammelkamp, poet, fiction writer, and editor, wrote of the work, "Steeped in poetic tradition, Kelly Cherry's poems are nevertheless fresh and unique, bursting off the page."

*Louisiana State University Press, March 2013*



### ***March With Me***

By Rosalie T. Alico Turner '62

Motivated partially by this year's 50th anniversary of the sometimes-forgotten Children's March, Turner tells the separate, yet related, stories of Letitia and Martha Ann, two girls – one black and one white – growing up in Birmingham, Ala., during the time of the civil rights movement. The book follows the girls' family dynamics and life struggles as they're shaped by segregation and prejudice. Alma Powell, an audiologist and wife of former Secretary of State Colin Powell, called *March With Me* "a realistic, authentic, and compelling narrative of a crucial period in our nation's history."

*Cypress Creek Publishing, March 2013*

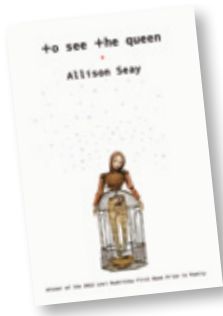


### ***Wild Discoveries: Wacky New Animals***

By Heather L. Martin Montgomery '92

This educational book for 7- to 10-year-olds features fascinating newly discovered animal species like the hot pink dragon millipede of Thailand, the see-through Condor glass frog of Ecuador, and the giant-eyed tarsier of Indonesia. Montgomery uses full-color photos and curious facts about dietary needs and defense mechanisms to explore these strange, often startling creatures from oceans, islands, rain forests, and mountains around the world.

*Scholastic Paperbacks, February 2013*

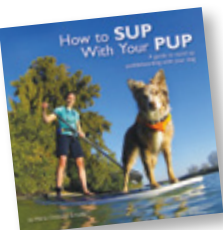


### ***To See the Queen***

By Allison Seay '02

In her debut book of poetry, Seay focuses on the speaker's relationship with Liliana, who is Seay's "queen." The poems speak to an inner world of indecision and loneliness but also of spiritual resurgence. The collection, which won last year's Lexi Rudnitsky First Book Prize in Poetry, has been called honest and direct. Seth Abramson, poet, editor, attorney, and freelance journalist, called the work "eloquently brave" and "as satisfying as poetry gets."

*Persea, April 2013*



### ***How to SUP With Your PUP: A guide to stand up paddleboarding with your dog***

By UMW Assistant Director of Design Services Maria Christina Schultz, M.Ed. '11

This guide to sharing stand up paddleboarding, one of the hottest new trends in water sports, with your dog touches all the bases just in time for summer. From information about choosing the right gear to tips for training your pooch to take to the paddleboard – both in and out of the water – Schultz gives adventure lovers all the tools they'll need to bond and *not* make a splash with their four-legged friends.

*April 2013*



## Get the Picture?

Last issue's photo of a young woman on horseback drew a flurry of letters, emails, and online posts from readers who thought they recognized the rider.

**Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni '50** of Caguas, Puerto Rico, posted on the *UMW Magazine* website that she thought it could be former Cavalry captain **Winnifred "Winnie" E. Horton Brock '51**, who died in 2003. Winnie's Mary Washington roommate, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Fletcher Adams '51** of Southern Pines, N.C., thought so, too.

**Beverly Carmichael Ryan '55** of Lynchburg, Va., flipped through a *Battlefield* yearbook and figured the rider might be former Hoofprints president and Cavalry captain **Lois Maybelle Harder '53**, who died in 1998. **Jean "Red" Abbott '60** guessed it was **Bonnie Andrea Sundbeck '59**.

**Carol Joan Bailey Miller '50** of Cumberland, Va., consulted yearbooks and friends to no avail, but she did point out that the Mary Washington cavalry group was a *troop*, not a *club*, and presumed the photo was taken in the 1940s or '50s, when Russell Walther was the instructor.

But it was a flabbergasted **Shirley Sinnard Lindell '53** who finally solved the mystery.

"What a shock!!" she wrote from Iowa City, Iowa. "I couldn't believe my eyes. THAT'S ME!!!!"

**Jean Kimball Gray '53** also got it right, emailing to peg her classmate as the pictured rider.

A biology major, Lindell thought the photo must've been taken in 1952 or '53, judging by the captain's bars on her hat.

Now 81, with three children, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, Lindell said her college days stand out.

"I have always said the four years at MWC were the best four years of my life."



## Give It Your Best Shot!

Mary Washington students hit the airwaves in 1939, when Dramatic Arts and Speech Professor Harold H. Weiss developed a course in beginning and advanced broadcasting. A state-of-the-art studio opened in the newly built George Washington Hall, and Station WMWC was born.

News, interviews, talent, and inspirational talks aired three hours a day by the mid-1940s, and a fancy studio was built in duPont in the mid-1950s. Students still run WMWC, UMW Radio, but the growing popularity of TV had forced broadcasting courses off the curriculum by 1963.

If you know the names of these broadcasters in training or have any other information about this photo taken inside the campus studio, please send an email with Get the Picture in the subject line to [ntrenis@umw.edu](mailto:ntrenis@umw.edu). Or, view the photo and comment online at [umw.edu/magazine](http://umw.edu/magazine).

You may also write to:

*UMW Magazine – Get the Picture*

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1. Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of History and American Studies **Jeffrey M. McClurken '94** autographing a copy of his 2009 book, *Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia*, at the Reunion Weekend 2013 Faculty Book Signing in the UMW Bookstore on June 1. Photo by Reza A. Marvashti
2. Past and current Class Council members mingled before the Junior Ring Ceremony in March. Posing at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center are (from left) **Peyton Kremer '14, Andrew Dawson '04, Matt Kapuscinski '04, Tricia Piccinino Kapuscinski '04, Conor Murphy '15, Jen Crystle '13, Abby Mulugeta '14, Amanda Buckner '13, Kate Johnson '13, Whitney Kiper '14**, and UMW graduate assistant **Elizabeth Bradley '12**.
3. UMW Admissions Counselor **Kyle Allwine '12** (left) and Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life **Cedric Rucker '81** represent their classes on Ball Circle during Devil-Goat Day festivities in April.
4. **Jon Martin '05, Marisa Day Martin '05**, and Kelly and **Mark Martens '06** share the latest news at the UMW Alumni Richmond Network's "Conversations With President Richard V. Hurley" event at the Jefferson Hotel in March.
5. UMW grads (from left) **Kristin DeGraff '00, Katie Gottsch '98, Kristin Nuedling '01**, and event hostess **Gerry Sargent Habas '66** heard President Hurley speak about UMW at a February alumni gathering in Orlando.

**Save the date! Come back to campus and show your Mary Washington pride!**  
**Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 25 and 26**



# Class Notes

If you prefer to submit Class Notes by mail, send to:  
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## Let us hear from you!

### Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

Material received by	Appears in
NOVEMBER 15	SPRING
MARCH 15	SUMMER
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER

## 1938

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**Emma Thorn Crockett Lively** feels sad when there's no news from the Class of 1938 in *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. Emma is 96, lives at home, and still drives. She lost her husband in 1985 and has had health problems, including cancer twice, but, as a friend said in a birthday message, "You're like a Timex. You take a lickin' and keep on tickin'!" Emma's daughter lives in Fort Myers, Fla., and spent Emma's 95th birthday with her. Her three granddaughters live in Purcellville, Va.; Rye, N.H.; and Monroe, N.C. She has six great-grandchildren, planned to attend the May graduation of the eldest from Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Va., and has bed-and-breakfast reservations for all 14 family members. Emma belongs to UMW's 1908 Society and had a wonderful time when she came back for her 50th class reunion.

## 1941

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## 1942

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## 1943

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## 1944

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Few responded this time. I hope all is well.

One of my sons came from Utah to stay with me for a while. He's interested in buying my house so he keeps it in good shape. One of my daughters and her fiancé have an apartment upstairs but plan to marry in October and move out. We had a summer family reunion in Ocean Grove, N.J. My grandson, who's been living in Germany, married a lovely German girl in December and couldn't make the reunion but came at Christmas. I welcomed great-grandson Gabriel in December; I now have two girls and a boy. I play bridge, am in the choir, and do volunteer work. I still drive during the day but not at night. My back is my only physical problem. I don't walk as much and use a cane in ice or snow, but I feel fortunate to take only vitamins.

**Anna Austin Ware** commented on how we're all turning 90! Not driving nights, she misses the library; she enjoyed MWC's Browsing Room. She's been reading her abundance of *Colonial Homes* magazines and has visited many of the homes in them, so it's like armchair traveling. Anna planned to start her garden. Daughter Arraminta was busy with tax season.

**Nancy Gravatt** wrote to Anna that one of her grandchildren was on a cargo ship in the Pacific on its way from Japan with a load of toys. Another grandchild was to train with the diplomatic corps. Others hold various jobs, and at least one graduated from Virginia Tech. Nancy is doing OK but, like many of us, relies on a little help.

**Mary Ellen Starkey** still lives in the same place, and someone helps her during the week. They go out for lunch every day at her son's Waldorf, Md., restaurant. Stepson Greg and wife Anne are in the Air Force

in Colorado. Donny and his wife planned to visit their 4-year-old granddaughter in England.

I hope those who didn't contact me with news will keep in touch. Have a great rest of the year.

## 1945

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**Mary Powell Lewis** found no news from our class in the last issue of *UMW Magazine*, so she decided to start the ball rolling. Mary graduated with us but was also already enrolled in medical school at the University of Tennessee. A day student living in Fredericksburg, she never really got to know her classmates. She credits her MCAT scores, which were high enough to get her into medical school, to the excellent teaching of biology professor Hugo Iltis. Psychology professor Raleigh Drake also made a lasting impression on her.

Mary married Australian Stuart Lewis, now deceased, in 1954. They both specialized in orthopedic surgery in the Newtown Square, Pa., area. One of their four girls, Caroline Bradley, lives in Spotsylvania, Va., and Mary has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She had the pleasure of addressing a Mary Washington class several years

Not driving nights, Anna Austin Ware '44 misses the library; she enjoyed MWC's Browsing Room.

ago when they received their rings, courtesy of **Isabel Gordon Swift '42** of Fredericksburg, former director of the MWC Placement Bureau.

Mary sends congratulations on the excellent alumni magazine, and is always amazed and gratified by the changes and plans.

## 1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring  
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## 1947

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman  
[bdbamman@verizon.net](mailto:bdbamman@verizon.net)

**Dawn Machonis '77** contacted me in search of classmates' personal recollections of her late mother, **Jean Crotty**, who helped write the alma mater. Dawn has attended several class reunions, where she's met some of her mother's classmates. Email memories to Dawn at [dawnmach@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmach@gmail.com).

Ladies, send me your news.

## 1948

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## 1949

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June Davis McCormick  
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Fewer holiday greetings last year means less news from classmates, but we're grateful for what we have to report.

**Elva Tate Hasher** of Mechanicsville, Va., still does for herself and sent an obituary for **Virginia Ann Mathews Pope**, who died in November at her Courtland, Va., home. Virginia was born in Tappahannock, moved with her family to Front Royal, and came to Mary Washington to major in psychology. She was predeceased by her husband, Harvey Grover Pope, along with a sister, brother, and granddaughter. Survivors

include a daughter, two sons, and eight grandchildren. It was reported that she experienced life to the fullest and touched family and friends in positive ways. Our sympathies go to all who loved her.

**Jane Yeatman Spangler** of North Carolina didn't need surgery last year and keeps going like the Energizer Bunny, only with somewhat less energy. Jane continues with her bridge group, book club, and church activities. She's on the library board and enjoys having daughter Jan at home. One of Jane's BFFs, **Charlotte**

**“Chot” Baylis Rexon**, has had her painting limited by arthritis, and husband Fred’s mobility has decreased, but they still pursue their interests, including two great-grandchildren. Chot believes that our class was special and that friendships formed forged a tight bond, akin to being given a gracious gift.

A strong part of that bond is our treasured **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** of Lexington, Va. B.B. loves living in a town with two major colleges and plenty of concerts, sports, and lectures. She performs in occasional music programs and said her fingers still work, even if her knees don’t! Her four grandchildren live just blocks away and are active in music and sports.

**Margaret “Peggy” Walton Mason** has lived in her Bethesda, Md., home since 1957 and credits her good health to being active. She volunteers, exercises, plays bridge, and is in the altar guild and a woman’s club. She spends time in Scottsdale, Ariz., in March and Duck, N.C., in summer. Two of her children are nearby; one is in Richmond.

**Elizabeth “Betty” Fischer Gore**’s Christmas card featured another of her gingerbread creations – a country store, including a frosting sign advertising bread at the long-ago price of 15 cents! Betty does oil painting and pool exercises at her Fairfax, Va., condo.

The holiday card from **Frances “Blackie” Horn Nygood** and her four basset hounds at her Georgetown, Del., kennel included another original poem. After 50 years attending the annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show, Blackie stayed home in February but continues to be an AKC judge for other area shows.

A card from **Dolores “Dee” Ross** featured her dog, Joe, in a Christmas setting. Dee returned from European riverboat cruises in November and spent a pre-Christmas weekend at the Greenbrier in West Virginia with her bank group. In March, the group planned to visit the MacArthur Memorial and see *Jersey Boys* in Norfolk, Va.

**Frances Houston Layton** spent Christmas week with her

sister’s family on Deep Creek Lake in the mountains of western Maryland. Fran lives alone with her two dogs, still works for the Humane Society, and plays cello in her chamber music group and at her church. In the new year, she made her annual visit to Florida’s St. George Island, walked with her dogs on the white sand beaches, and watched eagles and dolphins. She returned home to a big West Virginia snowstorm.

Fran said that Mike, the husband of her sophomore roommate, **Jeanne Farrington Leslie**, suffered a major stroke last September. He’s in a wheelchair and unable to speak but hasn’t lost his sense of humor. Even with the difficult months, Jeanne feels they’ve received many blessings. Keep Mike and Jeanne in your thoughts and prayers.

**Gwen Brubaker Connell**’s husband, Jack, had ongoing health issues last summer and fall, and three hospital stays negated the possibility of summer plans. They’ve been enjoying family members’ frequent visits to their Florida home. The Connells have 16 great-grandchildren; the 17th was due in May. Their grandchildren planned a Thanksgiving family reunion, where Gwen hoped to realize her dream of seeing all their great-grandchildren together.

**Cynthia Medley England ’51** receives royalties from her two children’s plays and a lyric she wrote that was recorded in the ’60s by Nina Simone.

**Anna “Andi” Dulany Lyons** enjoys life at The Summit in Lynchburg, Va. Her children and grandchildren are progressing with their careers. Son Clay and wife Martha hosted a party for the extended Devening family at Christmas, and Andi was overjoyed that everyone came. She and **Marion “Wendy” Selfe Kelly** lunch and exchange news. Marion and husband George live at Westminster Canterbury,

which is fast becoming an MWC alumni chapter. Also living there are **Norvell Milner Thomson ’48**, **Sue Bass ’54**, **Kitty Wright Davenport ’55**, **Nancy Brinkley Glenn ’57**, and **Esther Reece McVeigh**, who’s now in assisted living.

**Katherine “Kate” Mayo Schmidt** spent the holidays with son Bill Jr. and wife Terri in Albuquerque, N.M. Terri planned to teach jewelry-making in Nice, France, while Bill stayed on the job at home, instead of making

**Betty Bond Heller Nichols ’49** performs in occasional music programs and said her fingers still work, even if her knees don’t!

their usual April visit to Kate in Texas. Kate’s sister in Alabama was scheduled for back surgery, so Kate anticipated a quiet spring. She does activities in town, tends to matters at the farm, and is grateful for many blessings.

**Corinne “Conni” Conley Stuart** and husband Bonar live in Toronto. Conni and Bonar expected a May visit from son Tony, a Los Angeles lawyer, and wife Karen, executive director of the Association of Talent Agents. Son Curtis and wife Heidi are tenured teachers in the St. Louis school system. Their daughter, Conni’s namesake, is at Mizzou (University of Missouri at Columbia). Son Francis is in high

school, fills in on the baseball team, and hopes to get a soccer scholarship. Conni said he’s 6 feet 2 inches and looks like a young Robert Redford. Conni did some recent dubbing for the film *Cas & Dylan* with Richard

Dreyfuss. She isn’t working as much as she had, but living in Toronto makes her feel she’s still part of the entertainment industry.

We report the sad news that **Primm Turner French** passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at home in April. Before that, Conni had already sent roommate and suitmates news saying that Primm maintained her homes

in Stockbridge, Mass., in winter and Galway, Ireland, in summer. She relied on her children to help but didn’t let limited mobility interfere with her life. The family still produced an internationally sold silkscreen calendar featuring Primm’s artwork.

**Betsy Thorne Bultman** and husband Phelps took their annual trek from Columbia, S.C., to their New Hampshire summer home, and daughter Meredith helped with the long drive. The Bultmans get together with Conni’s roommate, **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and physician husband Bill of Atlanta. The Byrneses’ son, Topher, a high school principal, is nearby; their other two sons are not in Atlanta.

We are grateful for those who responded to pleas for news. Others sent holiday greetings with no news. Do you realize that the Fabulous Forty-Niners’ 65th reunion will be next year? Impossible, but true! As ever, our love to all of you from both of us.

**1950**

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There’s more news this time thanks to holiday cards and letters from “Old Faithfuls.” I’d love to hear from more of you. Send news to the email address above or to the Office of Alumni Relations.

Since I wrote our last *Class Notes* column, Hurricane Sandy and snowstorm Nemo hit the East Coast. Fortunately, I had no damage but lost power and phone for several days during Sandy. I hope you all did as well with the weather where you live.

I attended my 66th high school reunion in Tenafly, N.J., last year and have lunch regularly with five high school friends, some of whom I’ve known since kindergarten.

**Carol Bailey Miller** in Cumberland, Va., had a scare when an allergic reaction to medication caused her tongue to swell so that she could hardly breathe. She was rushed to the ER, and it took 24 hours for the swelling to go down. More recently, a tree came down on





her utility shed. Carol completed the biography of her 90-year-old sister, **Ruth Bailey Conroy '43**, and had booklets made for herself, Ruth, and Ruth's son, Patrick. Carol is historian emeritus for the Virginia Horse Association and continues to interview people involved with it. She joined the Cumberland historical society, hoping to learn more about where she lives.

**Miriam Sollows Wieland** sent an enlarged photo featuring her and her family at a reception on the lawn at Brompton. While *UMW Magazine* cannot include the photo, Mim said Tom and Jason have had fun with a box of slides she sent home with Tom, who is to send more enlarged and improved photos from them. Tom was heading to the Cape, and Mim hoped to go there for a bit and to spend a few days in Florida.

**Billie Mitchell Hanes** and Dick moved from their three-story house on the dune in Virginia Beach, where they lived for 40 years, to a one-story duplex apartment across the street. It's adequate for two and senior-friendly. Billie enjoys her kitchen with new cabinets and stainless steel appliances, tall fireplace, and cozy family room. Dick still works from home and goes to the gym. Billie does water aerobics and spends time with friends.

At **Marcy Weatherly Morris** and **Juney Morris'** yearly visit to Cleveland in July for Juney's checkup, they learned that he can wait two years for the next visit. They attended Marcy's 66th high school reunion at Pawley's Island, S.C., continue to attend Mary Washington events, and are great fans of President Hurley and wife Rose. Daughter Ellen and husband Rod live nearby and own four alpacas that Marcy can see grazing from her back porch. Ellen works in Mary Washington Healthcare's ambulatory surgery center. Rod takes care of their alpacas, golden retriever, horse, chickens, and huge garden. Marcy and Juney get fresh eggs and produce. Marcy's son, Tip, and wife Laura, who teaches French at Toano Middle School, are in Williamsburg.

**Nan Riley Pointer** and Joe's son, Glenn, and his wife moved back from North Carolina and live just down the road. Owen and Teresa live next

door. Their son, Christopher, goes to community college and helps Joe farm. Nan is involved with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, and she's parliamentarian for the Conference of United Methodist Women. She and Joe celebrated their 60th anniversary in June at a dinner party with family and friends, and took a riverboat cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest, their first trip to that part of the world.

**Gerry Boswell Griffin** volunteers with special activities and entertainment at Davidson College in North Carolina.

**Helen Hopkins Timberlake** flew from Florida for late husband Neal's grandson's wedding in Atlanta. The bride and groom graduated from Davidson. He's studying for the ministry on a scholarship at Duke, and she's pre-med. Helen bought a few "The Great Courses" DVDs and enjoyed *From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism*.

**Garland "Dorsey" Estes McCarthy** of Humble, Texas, goes with her husband to Galveston at Christmastime to enjoy the beach. They drank coffee and ate beignets at Café Du Monde in New Orleans. **Patti Head Ferguson** traveled in August to the Arctic via Sweden and Norway on a luxury boat. They saw reindeer and polar bears with their cubs. Patti had her dropped foot corrected in September, staying in a NYC hospital and nursing home. She returned after Christmas to have metal pins removed and a cast put on, and looked forward to driving again.

**Nell Grieve Swanson** and **Betty Gavett Breeden** live in San Diego. Betty is still in her apartment and sings in two choirs. She fell and broke her right arm in August and had to put her library-book mending on hold. Family members helped provide five weeks of round-the-clock care, and a church friend helped with transportation when Betty was put in a brace and could wear real clothes and do more for herself. She returned to driving before Thanksgiving.

**Rosemary Miller** in Benzonia, Mich., still plays in the symphony and returned to directing the church choir, while they advertise for a new director. **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** retired from her Women's Club newsletter job, found a great replacement, and hoped to get back into quilting. Husband Jim was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, so they have questions about their future.

**Marilyn Noel Perry '74** relayed that her mother, **Edith Wilhelm Noel**, passed away. Edith taught math, mainly algebra, for 37 years. After

retiring in 1988, she was active in church and volunteered in the community. A bad fall in 2009 resulted in broken bones and a move to a long-term care facility. When her eyesight declined, Marilyn read our *Class Notes* column to her, and Edith enjoyed hearing about classmates. **Mary Mount Lind's** husband, Dick, relayed that Mary passed away. I was shocked, as her Christmas note was upbeat, though she'd recently lost her sister, Sally. Mary and Dick faithfully attended our reunions.

## 1951

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I thought I'd get more responses from you all. I miss you.

Edgar is having some health problems, but I'm doing OK, still running my mouth at Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop three days a week. I was looking at a yearbook...boy, so many memories. I got a big laugh at a picture of the fencing club that **Louise Lawson** started with our help.

**Ruth DeMiller Hill** and I communicate often. She'd been under the weather for a few months but was better. **Sarah Herring Estes** fell during a snowstorm and was

in the hospital, rehab center, and nursing home before she returned home.

**Jacquelyn Hobbs McDavid** has traveled to all continents. **Shirley Williams Rees** called about her name being listed on the "Memorial Gifts" page of the fall/winter issue of *UMW Magazine*. I checked with the Office of Alumni Relations; it was a different Shirley Williams. Our Shirley is fine and keeping busy.

**Kathryn Hope Allcorn Kasfeldt** has two children, five grandchildren, and a new great-grandchild. She also has a new address at a senior complex, where she lives with her cat. She keeps in touch with **Janet Scott Allen**, **Ruth Southard Hoffman**, and **Norma Resnikoff**

**Sater**. Norma didn't send a Christmas card this year, and Kathryn hopes she's OK.

**Cynthia Medley England** has had two children's plays published, one in Australia and one in England. She receives royalties for both and for a lyric she wrote that was recorded by Nina Simone in the '60s. Cynthia enjoys her stress-free life in a Naples, Fla., retirement community.

**Nancy Tate Tossey** spends most of the year in Ohio and part of the winter in Florida. Her husband passed away several years ago, but her three children and their families remain close and she sees them often. Nancy still hears occasionally from **Ginny Pierce Carmichael**.

Well, classmates, take care of yourselves, enjoy life, and send news!

## 1952

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## 1953

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I moved back to Raleigh, N.C., in January 2010 and continue to miss the Fredericksburg region and being involved in UMW events and activities,

# Analyst Pegs Personalities to the Letter



Norm Shafer

Handwriting characteristics can shed light on a penman's personality and behaviors, said **JoNeal Hendricks Scully '59**. She's used her knowledge to help state police solve violent crimes.

For **JoNeal Hendricks Scully '59**, a handwritten note can be the scene of a crime. She zeroes in on evidence others might miss, probing each penned character for possible leads. Is it larger or smaller than normal? More pointed or more round? Slanted to the left or to the right?

Little details can give Scully big tips about a penman's personality. She has used them to weigh in on everything from criminal investigations to romantic relationships. But her decades-long career as a certified handwriting analyst came together much like the mysteries she solves – one clue at a time.

"It's like working a puzzle," said Scully, who studied history, education, and psychology at Mary Washington. "You keep coming around and around. You're looking for so many things."

Scully taught school for a while after college, but it wasn't for her. Three years overseas, two children, and one decade later, she decided to revisit her love of psychology. She was excited until the graduate-school information she gathered let her down. "I realized I didn't want to take any of those classes," she said.

Instead, Scully, always more intrigued

by possibilities than probabilities, found herself gravitating toward courses in parapsychology and metaphysics. "I was suddenly in my glory," she said. "To me, this was far more interesting than studying what traditional psychology offered."

One class stood out. A medical doctor who did research on the correlation between the physiology of the hand and the personality types set forth by Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung taught a class that touched on hand gestures and handwriting analysis.

"When I started, I was interested in helping people understand their own personalities and behavioral patterns," said Scully. "I've had people dissolve into tears of relief. It's strange because I'm simply applying the skills I've learned, but for that person, it can be life-changing."

As she watched society get more and more violent, Scully saw how dysfunctional behavior contributed to the problem, and she had an idea. Her expertise as a handwriting analyst might also be valuable in law enforcement. She volunteered her services to local police, but they put her to work stuffing envelopes.

"They had no idea how I could help,"

Scully said. "I realized, 'I can't teach them. I have to teach myself.'"

To be more specific about her role, she needed to know more about the crime-fighting world. She went back to school for certifications in administration of justice and private investigation. That's when a professor made a critical connection. He introduced Scully to Virginia State Police Special Agent Larry McCann, an FBI-trained profiler who used behavioral science to help solve violent crimes.

The two worked as partners. McCann provided handwriting samples; Scully used them to supply personal details about the writer – things that might've slipped through the cracks before she came on board.

Scully has helped identify writers of threatening notes, scrutinize suicide letters, shed light on custody cases, select juries, and advise companies on hiring.

Many people don't understand her work or its importance, Scully said, but that doesn't stop her. "I realized I could spend my time trying to convince people, or I could just go ahead and do it."

– Lisa Chinn '92





including the Ecology Club. Having a much slower pace has advantages, including swimming, walking around nearby Shelley Lake, reading, and watching birds compete for my backyard feeders. My favorite time is spent volunteering with a reading program for disadvantaged first-graders.

In February, **Joan Cornoni Huntley** and I caught up over lunch at a Raleigh art museum, where she serves on the board. Growing-up Fredericksburg friends **Betty Walker**, **Bobbie Caverlee Schuler**, and I have frequent phone visits. **Barbara "Pritch" Jones** and I send each other New Year's greetings.

In November, Stacy Pierce, UMW associate director of planned and reunion giving, met with alums for dinner here in Raleigh to explore potential interest in establishing a UMW network for the Triangle area. Several alumni participated in our MWC Triangle organization picnics and parties; lists were updated in 1984, 1990, and 1999. Many, including **Gayle Winston Roberts** and **Jane Loyd**, indicated an interest in a get-together but had previous plans.

**Alberta Shelton Stornetta's** first book, *Arnold, Maryland and Neighbors on The Broadneck*, was to be available to the public in May. The book is an outgrowth of the history committee project of the Arnold Preservation Council. Alberta has been collecting information and interviewing current and former residents of Arnold for seven years. By writing stories of the area, Alberta hopes to help readers understand the rich cultural heritage of Arnold and how it's influenced current residents' quality of life. Alberta and husband Wake have lived across the Severn River from Annapolis for 48 years and were to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They have four living children, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

## 1954

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## 1955

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California seems to be in the grip of some sort of desert climate, as our annual rain total was hovering near zero. Today, March 15, the temperature is about 80, and it's clear and sunny. I shouldn't complain, but it foretells water rationing, which we do so well that water rates go up.

My granddaughter, Morgan James, was accepted to UMW. She lives in San Leandro, Calif., but she's interested in international relations and discovered that UMW is one of the best. She'll be the third in our family to attend Virginia schools. My dad graduated from U.Va., I graduated from MWC of U.Va., and Morgan will attend UMW!

**Sally Hangar Moravitz** and Fran took a February trip to Barbados, where they boarded the Royal Clipper, the world's largest full-rigged sailing ship. They stopped at numerous islands, snorkeled, and met interesting people. Of the 200-plus passengers, Americans were among the smallest groups, with lots of British, Germans, and Swedish. Sally's granddaughter, a UMW student, spent spring break building a Habitat for Humanity house in Albany, Ga., with other UMW students.

**Betsy Blackwell Fowler** fractured both hips in 2011 but managed to travel to the Bordeaux region of France in between. After lots of rehab, she now functions more or less normally. Last year husband Jim suffered a stroke, which left him with dementia. He is in assisted care. Betsy stays busy with family and friends, and lives in a retirement center apartment that made an exception to a 20-pound pet rule when they fell in love with her 120-pound English Lab.

**Charlotte Fisher Klapproth** was in the middle of an East Coast snowstorm in March. Hurricane Sandy hit on her birthday in October, there was the June derecho, and she and Chris experienced a fire on their anniversary. They go to dinner and movies.

**Patricia Seitz Hartel** was accepted into the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She keeps busy – I presume with her real estate business. **Polly Stoddard Heim** of Lewiston drove in January with her husband to Maple Valley, Wash., where grandson Zachery was born.

**Nancy Shope Armbruster** relayed the February passing of **Jacquelyn Whitehurst Hertz**, her dear friend and sometimes roommate at MWC and since, after a prolonged journey with cancer. She passed the same way she lived, with grace, courage, and dignity. Jackie was lovingly cared for during her final year by daughter ChaCha and ChaCha's husband. Jackie was married for 57 years to retired USMC

**Patti Head Ferguson '50** traveled by boat to the Arctic via Sweden and Norway, where she saw reindeer and polar bears with cubs.

Capt. James Otto Hertz, whose military career took the family to California, Hawaii, and the East Coast. Jim was in a nursing home in the Virginia Beach area but was to be moved to the veterans hospital in Washington, D.C., close to son Jay and Jim's younger brother. Jackie taught second grade at Trantwood Elementary School in Virginia Beach for 20 years and enjoyed enduring relationships with teachers and former students. We'll miss her.

**Joan Kleinknecht** had cabin fever after Fairfield, N.J., got 35 inches of snow in addition to the mess caused by Hurricane Sandy. Then there was the sadness of Sandy Hook, about 20 minutes from Joan's home. Joan volunteers, serves on a library committee, and is involved with the Gaelic-American Club, where she studies genealogy. She turned 80 on St. Patrick's Day.

## 1956

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I had lunch in March with "**Red**" **Rosanelli Metzger**, **Beth Poteet Pollard**, and **Angela Walton Barksdale** at Angela's Richmond

home. Beth traveled to Maine and Nova Scotia last summer. Her husband, Oliver Pollard Jr., is a retired judge and accomplished artist. Angela traveled to Istanbul to visit her granddaughter during her junior year abroad and to the Grand Canyon with two of her children and another grandchild. Red left Richmond to spend six months in New Hampshire. She visits Rome annually with her son, Father Joe of Blessed Sacrament in Norfolk, Va., and recently traveled to New York and stayed at The Homestead.

**Peggy Wood Ayres** lost husband Ed last year. She has eight grandchildren, ages 16 to 22. Six are in college, with two set to graduate this year, and two – a sophomore and a senior – in high school. **Carol Petley Toone** stays active with swimming therapy, book clubs, and teaching ESL in Culpeper, Va., and recently joined the Madison County Historical Society. Her grandson, a 2012 UMW graduate, works in Boston.

**Dean Murphy Gilmore** lost her husband in 2010. She has three children. Dean has a cottage in Nags Head, N.C., and works at the Y two mornings per week. She took a Caribbean cruise with her husband for their 50th anniversary and has cruised twice since with her sons. **Elizabeth "Boo" Rountree Duke**, a retired math teacher who still tutors, is Dean's neighbor, and they play cards together with friends. Boo's children live in North Carolina. Dean is also in touch with former teachers **Fran Powers**, **Jean Harris Overman**, and **Barbara Martin Reighart**, who lives in Florida.

At least three classmates live at Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond – **Louise Robertson**, **Ruth Estes Tanner**, and **Anne "Stokey" Saunders Scott**. **Janetta Bishop Patane** and **Anne Henry Brugh** live in a retirement community near Roanoke, Va.

**Beverly Almond Tucker**, **Suzanne Borke Grasberger**, and **Louise Hanselman Bowman** attend the Montpelier steeplechase races every November. Louise's son is a Benedictine priest in France.

**Lorraine Coppen Turner** retired from a long teaching career at St. Joseph School in Petersburg, Va.

If you were interested enough to read this far, please help me by sharing your activities. If you don't have email, call the Office of Alumni Relations for my address.

## 1957

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I saw several crocuses this morning and the sun was shining, so it seemed spring was just around the corner!

**Mary Montague Hudson Sikes'** latest novel, *Daddy's Christmas Angel*, came out in November and was a perfect Christmastime read. Also in November, she spoke to the Christopher Wren Association at the College of William and Mary about her writer's journey. Monti was January artist of the month and did an open-house painting demonstration at Petersburg Regional Art Center, where the acrylic painting on the cover of her novel *Eagle Rising* won a cash award in a January juried show. In February, original pastel paintings and giclee prints of paintings from her *Hotels to Remember* coffee table book project were on view at This Century Art Gallery's art education center in Williamsburg. Monti has developed an interest in encaustic painting; two of her latest such works were in the show. She and husband Olen are huge St. Louis Cardinals fans and took a two-week vacation to Jupiter, Fla., for spring training.

**Joyce Bristow Wrestler** and Cliff prepared Easter music with their church choir. They were grateful that Cliff's blood had been stable for a few months. They were in Hawaii in November but weren't ready to schedule a long trip like the one they had to cancel last spring.

**Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham** said **Foncie Lawrence Williamson** lives at Sunrise in Raleigh, N.C., due to a severe diabetes problem.

Not much news from our classmates this time. Sorry!

## 1958

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**Anne DePorry McGrath** lives and helps with her grandchildren; fourth- and fifth-grade math are a challenge. Photography takes up much of her spare time, and travel revolves around photographic spots like Mexico; Ireland; Tangier Island, Va.; and St. Michaels, Md. Anne is still active with the ElderStudy Learning in Retirement group and lives close enough to UMW to attend lectures and music programs.

**Judy Townsend Bainbridge** and her husband toured Spain and Portugal in the fall. Judy taught a winter class on Greenville, S.C., as a mill town for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program at Furman. No papers, no tests, no grading, just 70 interested people...a professor's dream! She continues to write a biweekly "Heritage" column for *The Greenville News*.

**Marcia Phipps Ireland '59** toured Michigan's Mackinac Island in June, took a September cruise down the Rhine, and followed with a tour of Switzerland and Italy.

**Mary Townsend Bates** earned a master's degree at George Washington University and was asked to march in the May 2012 academic commencement procession on the National Mall, attended by about 25,000 people. Mary was one of 16 Emeriti Society members leading the procession.

**Meredith Busby Frank** and husband Jim like southwest Virginia, where life is slower but there's still lots to do. Daughter Helen Powers is the afternoon host of Monticello Media's Charlottesville-area WZGN. Meredith has been in touch with her roommate of three years, **Claudia Broom Hendren**; their senior-year suitemate, **Georgianne Tunsion Andrews**; and her sophomore roommate, **Charlene Creekmore Wiser**, who went to U.Va. her last two years. Meredith asks if anyone knows how to contact **Joyce Anne Pugh McCoy**. Meredith also

reported the death of **Patty Sue Hess Griffith**. Patty spent three years at MWC and her final year at U.Va., majoring in medical technology.

## 1959

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Lucas turned 4 in April and had a bounce house party. He takes karate lessons and started in March at Montessori preschool.

**Lois Gaylord Allen** was to become a great-grandmother in July, thanks to oldest granddaughter Giana. Gay and husband Howard are hospital volunteers. Gay has served on the boards of Salem County Mental Health and of Child Care Review, and she supports the Humane Society. Her own menagerie includes six cats and three dogs.

Since an October 2011 hip replacement, **Gloria Winslow Borden** had progressed to using a cane. Her hip was fine, but she'd been sidetracked by osteoarthritis in her feet and carpal tunnel in her hands. Still, she attended the graduations of granddaughters Michelle from King's College and Kristie from high school in Stockton, Calif. Both girls are Beth's daughters. Cliff's family is also in Stockton.

During Fourth of July week, the entire family celebrated Gloria's 75th birthday at Lake Tahoe. She took an October cruise to New England and Canada, and a Thanksgiving road trip to the Biltmore. Caroline, Gloria's oldest daughter, and her husband live in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and work at Oaks Christian High School, where daughter Jennifer is a student. Their twins, Kate and Beth, teach at an elementary school nearby. Gloria's youngest daughter, Cynthia, an athletic trainer, and husband Rob, a coach, moved from Houston to San Antonio.

**Jane Tucker Broadbrooks'** husband, John, had a July visit from son Jon Karl, communications director for Illinois Realtors; grandchildren Tucker, Anna, Virginia, and Jeff; and their 95-pound chocolate Lab. Wife Catherine was with her parents in Tennessee helping her dad recover from surgery.

Tucker, 15, is in the marching band. Anna, 12, likes to cook. Virginia, a Girl Scout, is into glitter and sequins. Jane and John spent Thanksgiving with them. John loves being a landscape architect even more now that he works from home. Jane heard from **JoNeal Hendricks Scully**, who moved to Richmond, close to one of her sons, after her Charlottesville home of 25 years burned. Read more about JoNeal on page 45.

**Ann Brooks Cousoubinas** watched the lights go out on the George Washington Memorial Bridge during Hurricane Sandy, and power outages left miles of New Jersey shoreline dark for days. Paramedic son Gregory worked with the National Guard for 22 days straight.

**Audrey Dubetsky Dowye** works out and does water aerobics. She and daughter Tiffany went to Hawaii. Tiffany and husband Rick flew to the UK to spend Christmas with daughter Cynthia, who's pursuing a master's degree at Oxford. Audrey's other children are fine. **Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn** lost her mother in 2011. Mason, her 12-year-old grandson, is in sixth grade and is taller than Mary Carolyn.

**Marcia Phipps Ireland** and Gary toured Michigan's Mackinac Island in June, took a September cruise down the Rhine with friends, and followed with a tour of Switzerland and Italy. All four grandchildren are doing great. Kristen's oldest daughter, Caitlin, was studying in South Korea for her junior year.

**Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman** and Alan, as coach, had been preoccupied with the University of Alabama golf team, which placed third at regionals. They visited Vero Beach, Fla. Alan has recuperated well from prostate cancer and, after taking a stress test, had quadruple bypass surgery and was given a good report. Pug said he plans to make this his last year of active coaching. The team went to a November tournament in Kauai, Hawaii, and will play in the September Topy Cup in Japan. Pug volunteers in the University of Alabama Hospital's palliative care unit and takes Zumba. Her children are fine. Jeff's boys are at LSU; Smylie is a junior, Luckie a freshman. Julie's son,





Austin, in his second year of grad school at Alabama, runs distance track. Her daughter, Francie, is a junior at Alabama. Sarah, the youngest, is a high school freshman. Tommie, Pug's youngest, is a professor at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The entire family took a summer vacation in Nassau. Pug saw **Pamela Raunity Lareck** in Florida last spring and planned to see her again this year.

To celebrate **Julia Coates Littlefield** and Mo's 50th wedding anniversary, the entire family, including two children, three grandchildren, and Julia's sister, Lucy, came to Lexington for a June weekend, golfing and dining at the restored Southern Inn. The celebration continued in July with a condo weekend in Belfast, Maine, with Scott's family and the Littlefields. Julia said **Ann Johnson Maxwell** and Tom moved to Lexington but kept their house in Bedford, where their kids assemble on weekends.

**Martha Spilman Clark** and Paul have nine grandchildren. Fifteen of their 17 family members came from Texas, California, and Peru for Christmas. Johnny and family left in December. Janie left with Jared and Alexandria in January. Billy, Yashmin, and their three daughters live across the street. Paul led five leadership-training courses during the last half of the year.

**Joan "Joni" Whittemore Loock** said tourists have returned to the beaches, and their condo has been rented steadily. She and Jim had a quiet winter and spring, mostly playing golf; made their annual trip to Wisconsin to visit Jim's family; and continue their annual trip to Mexico. Joni was to have a knee replacement in January, when son Curt and family were to visit, and hoped to be in superb shape for a March cruise to Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti. Joni and Jim's oldest daughter, Mandy, sold her Virginia Beach restaurant, Blue Turtle. Mandy had knee surgery and spent Christmas with them. Kristen and the girls planned to come for spring break.

**Barbara Gordon McNamee's** husband, Bob, plays golf and attends dental meetings. Barbara volunteers teaching water aerobics at the College of William and Mary, coaching synchronized swimming, and as secretary to the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Board of Directors. She went to the Olympic test event in London, the Masters World

**Joyce Jeffries Kendall '60** trained for her first 5K race, which had 500 runners. She won first place among 70- to 74-year-olds.

Championships in Italy, and the Pan American Age Group Junior Championships in California. Bob went with her to the International Swimming Hall of Fame Diving Grand Prix in Florida. They had their annual family beach week in Nags Head, N.C., with Karen and Tony, Buster and Margie, Lynn and Stephen, and Chris and Yougne, and their children. Brad and family could not attend with 16 grandchildren. Tony's oldest son, Brandon, married Krissy last year.

**Mary Massey** and husband Jack Meimers are in good health and took fall hiking trips to Delaware beaches and Maryland state parks with their dog. They went to a July get-together with Jack's family in Walla Walla, Wash., and planned to attend the biennial Appalachian Trail Conference in North Carolina.

**Barbara Barndt Miller** and husband Wayne Seeley spent Thanksgiving in Pennsylvania and went back to New York for their third winter in the cabin, adding a chimney and stone fireplace. Last year Barbara moved Rosie the pony to the New York farm then went back to Pennsylvania for the Devon Horse Show and the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame induction, and to award the annual Ralph D. Miller Perpetual Memorial Challenge Trophy. In

summer, they gardened and cut wood for winter.

**Eleanor Markham** Old's Arthur and new wife Martha were organizing their Fredericksburg home. Parker, Eleanor and Arthur's oldest grandson, graduated from Maury High School and is in his first year at Virginia Tech, where he is a fifth-generation Hokie. Tyler, the youngest, a Maury High senior, was accepted to Savannah College of Art and Design. Jim has a new job as the Norfolk area director of operations for Conley and Associates. His wife, Beth, is the Norfolk area care manager for the Amerigroup Disease Management Centralized Care Unit.

**Sally Warwick Rayburn** and Jim travel in their Winnebago RV. Sally saw **Barbara Lewis Leddick** in October. She and husband Ken are fine. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** and Jim took a three-month world cruise. Highlights included riding elephants, seeing polar bears and pyramids, and visiting the Great Barrier Reef and Taj Mahal.

**Anne Saunders Spilman** is well. **Ann Watkins Steves**

southwest New York, spent August in Holland, were in Connecticut and Massachusetts in fall, and visited granddaughter Molly, Tracey's daughter, at MIT. Tracey retired from Procter & Gamble in October.

Our 55th is around the corner. Can you believe it?!

## 1960

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Our recent news was dominated by last fall's Hurricane Sandy. We tried to express concern to all classmates who may have been affected but still haven't heard from some and hope they're OK. We got positive responses from several, like **Mona Allen Spilo** and **Carol Dixon Yonan**, who moved before Sandy hit – Mona from New York to Connecticut, and Carol to State College, Pa., where her oldest daughter lives. Many of Carol's friends and neighbors' Connecticut homes weren't spared, and she said the beautiful Merritt Parkway will never be the same.

We learned that we recently lost **Beth Gill Daniel** and **Margaret Wright Lewis**, and that **Jo Lister Jacobs'** husband, Frank, passed away last August.

We sent condolences to **Sue**

**Whidden Frisch**, who lost her father, Reginald Whidden, UMW professor emeritus of English and former dean of the college. **Jody Campbell Close** reminisced about the lovely times she had as a guest in Sue's parents' home and at Sue's home in Frederick, Md. **Syd Collson Chichester** called Dean Whidden handsome, dignified, and a monumental man for us while we were at MWC. She remembered him putting up with her when she wore her PJs and trench coat to his 8:30 a.m. class on Shakespeare. **Sarah Forsyth Donnelly**, a med tech student who had only one elective, is glad she chose the Shakespeare class. She called it a highlight of her Mary Washington experience

**Connie Booth Logothetis '61** received a new right lung at Duke University Hospital, and she was gaining strength in pulmonary rehab.

and Bob drove north to visit their children, then down to Bridgeport from Rhode Island. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** and Don took the Bridgeport ferry to meet them. **Sally Steinmetz** is retired but misses teaching; belongs to the local college group, Longtime Learners; and sings in the college chorus.

**Patricia Brown Wardlaw's** house was spared during Hurricane Sandy. She lost her mother last March at 100 years old! Pete's oldest son, Chris, and wife Ryoko visited Patricia in summer, and she visited son Rob and wife Toni Lynn in Naples, Fla. **Charlotte Wohlneck Wiggs** and Archie sold their antiques shop in March, took trips to

and Dean Whidden a gentleman, scholar, and wonderful teacher who treated us as adults. When Sue took her father's Shakespeare class in the summer, she remembers sneaking in the back door of the room at what she thought was the start of class, only to discover she'd misread the clock by an hour, and everyone bursting into laughter. As Syd so eloquently said, "Another legendary figure from our past is gone."

Syd went to Florida for the winter and expected to be there until June. She volunteers at the Environmental Learning Center, does the touch tank for elementary school field trips, canoes and kayaks around the Indian River Lagoon, and hoped to volunteer at the nearby Fort Pierce chimpanzee sanctuary.

This year **Joan Scarritt Reynolds** visited friends on Cape Cod, her brother in Connecticut, and many places in Spain with her daughter-in-law, traveling mostly by train. Joan returned to the states for two weeks, then traveled to Prague in the Czech Republic with her Cape Cod friends. She planned another trip after New Year's.

**Pat Whittaker Donnell** attended a November University of Houston symposium on the 25th anniversary of modern research on superconductors, led by Nobel Prize recipients and researchers from around the world. Pat was especially interested in the research for future military and commercial uses. An avid traveler, she took a September trip to Massachusetts, visiting historic spots and stopping at Niagara Falls. She plans more trips with friends.

**Liz Hill Heaney** and Bob decided to delay selling their North Carolina home and planned to move closer to the kids until the real estate market improved. In February, they got a husky puppy and took their annual trip to Park City, Utah, to visit friends and so Bob could ski. Their daughter, who had a total hip replacement but is skiing again, joined them.

**Jane Denslow McCrohan** and Ed bought a home on the Puget

Sound in Washington State, where they see more of their only son, daughter-in-law, and two teenage grandchildren. Because of Ed's structural work, their longtime family beachfront home on the Jersey Shore survived Sandy with little damage, and they sold it last year.

**Joyce Jeffries Kendall** trained for 12 weeks and won first place in the 70- to 74-year-old division of her first 5K race, with more than 500 participants. After 22 years of nursing, **Mamie Sue Howlett Scott** had a spinal fusion this past year to stop severe pain. She spent the holidays with family and hoped to travel

**Jean Ryan Farrell '61** traveled to China and Tibet, skied in Utah, went diving in Curacao, and explored the West from Southern Utah to Yellowstone.

more now that she can.

**Sandy Poole** considered changing her name because of teasing after Hurricane Sandy. Several of **Gray Schaefer Dodson's** paintings are in *Sunday Drives: Cruising the Back Roads of Amherst & Nelson Counties*, and one is on the cover. The book, designed to encourage touring of the scenic mountainous area, includes maps and interesting sites to visit.

**Iris Newton** was recovering nicely from congestive heart failure this winter, her fourth since 2001. **Sue Smith Goodrick** took the trip of a lifetime, a Christmas cruise to Thailand, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Sue travels extensively, so her accolades make this trip one to put on our bucket lists.

I (**Karen Larsen Nelson**) had a delightful Christmas week at our daughter's in the Las Vegas area. All three granddaughters – and various boyfriends – were there. Ellen's twins, our 2½-year-old great-grandbabies, were a delight; we loved being with them for short periods but were grateful to be able to escape to our RV when things got hectic. Ellen's boyfriend gave her an engagement ring. Our son in Florida earned an

associate's degree, is pursuing a degree in education, and hopes to teach high school history. In two years, we hope to travel to Florida, where he and his oldest daughter are to graduate together from the same college. We visited Florida in May for the high school graduation of our youngest grandson, a Marine.

My (**Jody Campbell Close**) son David is home from Afghanistan, and both sons are preparing to retire. How can we be old enough for our children to retire? Our eight grandchildren are proving to be overachievers. I completed a three-year genealogy commission to supplement an 1882 family Bible at my local library. It weighs 13 pounds, and I think my report does too.

As we wrote this submission for the summer 2013 issue of *UMW Magazine*, we realized that our 55th class reunion is two years away.

By this time next year, we'll be starting to plan. Mark your calendars now for May-June 2015. We hope you're enjoying summer and look forward to hearing from you. Many will hear from us monthly via email newsletters and birthday greetings.

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**From Connie: Mary Gilliam Dodson Larson** spent a month in Seattle with her first grandchild, a girl; Rowan Caroline James Grollman arrived in December.

**Carlotta Croghan Clark** and Pres were in Florida until April, playing tennis despite arthritis. They plan to take the entire family of 10 to a Lake George resort for a week this summer for their 50th anniversary. Their four grandchildren are teens, and two are driving. Our freshman class president, **Graham Walker**

**Burns** of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., transferred to UNC but loves being in the loop. A mother of seven, she has a disabled son living with her, sells real estate, and helps her daughter with her two daughters.

Many of us, including **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, were shocked and saddened by the death of **Mary Jane Fitzpatrick** in a December fire at her Richmond home. Mary Jane was a music major, as was Betsy, and an incredible pianist who taught at VCU.

**Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and Clarence babysat son Dennis and Maria's three redheaded boys, ages 4, 7, and 11, in St. Augustine, Fla., in February, while the parents went to Puerto Rico for a week with their fourth son, an infant. They visited us in Durham, N.C., en route from Columbia, S.C., and planned to visit family and friends in Florida in March. Clara has long worked at the Vienna Quilt Shop, which was to move to a new Virginia location and reopen in April as the Quilt Shop of McLean.

**Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug's grandson, Chris Brown, married Jordan last fall. Doug's mother, Doris, is 96. His sister, **Patty Cairns Hourin**, and Jim live in Diamondhead, Miss. Their three sons hosted their 50th anniversary celebration in March. Patty and Jim visited Patty's brother, Scott, and wife Debbie in London. Patty plays golf and tennis, and Jim golfs.

**Ellen Gotwalt Willing** and Bill of York, Pa., wintered in Naples, Fla., and traveled to Bryce Mountain, Va., and Ocean City, Md., with Ellen's daughter's family. Despite recent medical issues, Bill enjoyed his 90th birthday celebration in January with all the kids. Ellen takes exercise classes and swims. **Babs Buse Johnson** cleared out her Bowie, Md., home of 46 years this winter so she can sell it and move to her new house in Orlando, Fla., near her younger daughter and family. Babs' older daughter lives in Seattle.

**Jean Ryan Farrell** and Frank traveled to China and Tibet, skied in Utah, went diving in Curacao, and explored the West from Southern Utah to Yellowstone. Sons Frank and David, who live nearby, spent much time with third son Bobby last summer,



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when Bobby's family, Singapore residents for several years, were at Jean and Frank's lake house. In October, a washing machine hose burst in the night, causing a major flood and three months of repair.

**Eleanor Knight Jensen** and **Cliff of New Fairfield, Conn.**, spent five fall weeks on St. Barts. In December, they took a Caribbean cruise, followed by a cruise around South America. **Janie Riles** and hubby Jim's two daughters and their families visited them in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Janie and Jim had been since December. They took bridge lessons, and Janie attended an art workshop in Myrtle Beach, S.C., to get ideas for her own September art workshop in France. They planned to return to San Diego in April and add an art studio and a bath to their home.

I received a new right lung in December at Duke University Hospital, where Andy and I had been since August. I no longer need supplementary oxygen, am gaining strength through pulmonary rehab at Duke's Center for Living, and hoped to return to our Wilmington, N.C., home in April. We're grateful for this miracle and for the love and support of classmates, friends, and family.

From Renee: **Marcia Minton Keech** and hubby Bill sponsored a February meet-and-greet for President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose in their Savannah, Ga., home, and Marcia is excited about the direction in which he's taking UMW. She talked to **Sylvia Garland Wickwire** and **Jerri Barden Perkins**, who is semi-retired from National Institutes of Health and moved to Hilton Head, S.C. She skied in Sun Valley, Idaho, in March. Bill's cancer was back, and they planned another trip to Johns Hopkins and to see their children and grandchildren in Northern Virginia on the way up. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Bill has beaten this monster before, so hopes are high he can do it again. Marcia and Bill's twin granddaughters were impressed when they took them to UMW in the fall.

**Peggy Howard Hodgkins'** last winter escape was from Maine to San Antonio. Nephew Scott and wife Jill welcomed twins. Peggy spent three weeks with her sister, Jeanie, in Athens, Ga., and visited

# Diplomat Welcomes New Challenge in China



Kimble Barkley '14

Ambassador **Clifford A. Hart '80** calls his upcoming diplomatic assignment a choice job that any China hand would aspire to.

Starting later this year, Hart will be consul general for Hong Kong and Macau. His fluency in Mandarin and Cantonese will serve him well, and so will the 30 years of State Department experience he brings to the role.

Hart is ready for whatever frustrations his new job may bring, as his most recent position proves. He is wrapping up an assignment as special envoy to the Six-Party Talks, with the challenging task of persuading North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program.

"The talks themselves haven't convened since '08 for a whole bunch of reasons, most to do with North Korea's misbehavior," Hart said. But as special envoy since 2011, Hart has worked with China, Russia, Japan, and South Korea to further a shared interest in North Korean denuclearization.

Hart's interest in the Foreign Service dates to his teen years. He skipped his last year of high school in Virginia Beach to enter college at 17. A year later, he transferred to Mary Washington because of its strong liberal arts offerings and its proximity to Washington, D.C.

His fellow students probably remember him as a fast talker, he said, and as "one of the few guys" on campus at the time, just six years into coeducation.

"It was very useful to be in the minority," Hart said. It gave him a different perspective and sensitized him to women's concerns.

After completing a bachelor's degree in international affairs and Russian studies at Mary Washington, Hart earned a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia. He entered the diplomatic corps while still in his early 20s. "I barely had a pair of long trousers to my name," he remembered.

## Ambassador Clifford A. Hart

Among his eye-opening early postings was a stint in Moscow in the waning years of the Soviet Union. Even under reform-minded Mikhail Gorbachev, the KGB played dirty with American diplomats. They'd enter the homes of vacationing Foreign Service officers and leave freezers unplugged and toilets unflushed.

Hart didn't personally experience such treatment. But like his colleagues, he had to assume he was monitored all the time – listened to and probably watched.

Other assignments have been a mix of challenge and adventure at home and abroad. He's worked in Iraq; Taiwan; and Beijing and Guangzhou, China. He's also been an adviser to the Navy and the White House.

Hart, who was honored in 2010 as UMW Distinguished Alumnus, visited the UMW campus this March and spoke with students. He fondly remembers his own Mary Washington years, especially his instruction from John Kramer, distinguished professor of political science and international affairs. The two remain friends.

Hart was happy to offer advice for UMW students and alumni interested in diplomatic careers.

The Foreign Service doesn't require a particular major or academic specialty, but Hart recommends a "good, classic liberal arts" course of study, with philosophy, history, the fine arts, and more.

It's rare to go directly from college or grad school into a diplomatic job. Most new diplomats are in their late 20s or older, Hart said. "Establish some life skills and grow up a little bit," he advised.

As for the notoriously difficult Foreign Service Officer Test, "If you don't pass the first time, don't sweat it," he said. "Take it again. It doesn't cost anything."

— Laura Moyer





**Lynne Williams Neave** and Sandy in New York in February. When the snow in NYC prevented long lines for Broadway shows, Peggy saw *Superman*, *Newsies*, *My Name Is Asher Lev*, and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Peggy's grandson, Matthew, 15, took third place as "ski master" for class-A skiers, competing in downhill, alpine, and slalom.

**Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer** and Hank spent three weeks in New Zealand, seeing border collies work the sheep, going to the top of the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere, and exploring the North and South Islands. **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock's** husband, Stuart, had hip surgery and was back to exercising at the wellness center. Sylvia was to attend a spring meeting of the UMW Foundation, which is building the Hyatt Place hotel at Eagle Village.

I completed a few days of chemotherapy before Thanksgiving and two months of radiation in February. When I feel stronger, I hope to take another cruise. Thank you all for your loving wishes and prayers.

**From Lynne:** I received little feedback this time, with several comments about the brutal winter. We were fortunate to spend some time at our little place in Florida. We put the condo on the market and would like to travel more while we're still healthy. I've become slightly addicted to bridge and have been taking lessons and trying to earn duplicate master points.

**Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art still love to ski, traveling to Vail, Colo., and Sun Valley, Idaho. Dave and **Sue Wilson Sproul** enjoyed a four-day snowshoeing/Nordic skiing house party in the mountains. They spent Christmas in Albuquerque, N.M., with Dave's sister and family, then spent a week in Tucson, Ariz., where Sue weathered 19-degree days and knitted caps for homeless children in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. During spring break, Sue went to Virginia, where she saw "roomie" **Bette Marchant George**, an executive coach, on a trip there last year.

**Bitsy Wright Coxe's** knee was recovering nicely. Jim and **Carolyn Spell Robertson** celebrated their 50th anniversary in June at the Grand Hotel in

Point Clear, Ala. Their kids held a dinner for them and invited their closest friends. **Sandy Walters Julifs** retired from the Community Action Agency in January, but a torn rotator cuff was delaying her and Harold's desire to travel.

After a bad fall in January that required transfusions, platelets, and a month of constant at-home care, **Judy Saunders Slifer** planned a May cruise with **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** from Budapest, Hungary, to Bucharest, Romania.

## 1962

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Greetings to all our 1962 sisters, who entered MWC as goats in 1958, more than 50 years ago! Our 50th reunion last year brought a renewed joy to visiting and sharing memories. Please keep sending news, and include your complete name, and newest email and physical addresses.

**Rosalie Alico Turner's** sixth book, *March With Me*, a historical fiction dealing with the civil rights movement during the '60s, came out in March. Alma Powell, wife of Colin Powell, and former Mississippi governor William Winter of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation endorsed it. Rosalie divides her time between Birmingham, Ala., and the New Mexico mountains. She scheduled book talks around the country and was to be in Roanoke, Va., in May.

**Nancy Powell Sykes**, editorial director of the free Newport News, Va., publication the *Oyster Pointer*, retired from real estate last year and recovered from last summer's knee replacement surgery. At high school events, Nancy often sees **Pat Mackey Taylor**, who lost her husband last year and was walking without help after a long recovery from a broken ankle. Nancy also saw **Betty Fox Berry** of Maryland. Betty and her husband are retired,

have a granddaughter, and planned a trip to Russia this year. Another friend said **Carolyn Livingstone Masik** of Boston was recovering from a broken bone in her neck.

In February, **Maggie Walker McAllister**, **Barbara Schwab Jesser**, **Emily Lewis**, **Bettie Stewart Kienast**, **Mary Sue Miller McDonald**, and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** had lunch in Waynesboro, Va. Joan planned to see **Jeanne Craig Gough** in Albuquerque, N.M., this spring when she and husband Eddie were to be in the Sedona area. Last summer, Jeanne took a trip to Scandinavia with stops in Stockholm and Copenhagen. She and husband Bob are involved with church, and their son and his family. Mary Sue took a winter trip to Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, and visited one of her sons in California. Barbara and husband Bill are still in Charlottesville. Bill retired from U.Va., where he'd been a professor and department head. Their daughter and her husband moved to Charlottesville and built a home; their son lives in Atlanta.

**Maggie McAllister** enjoyed the reunion and looked forward to spending more time with our MWC sisters. In September in Waynesboro, Va., granddaughter Sarah married a Marine she met when she was a UMW student. They are in New Bern, N.C., but

nursing student, **Anne Lindgren Olwine** of Vancouver, Wash., still has a private counseling practice. **Donna Floyd Parker** attends her grandson's lacrosse games and travels to St. George Island, Fla., and to Virginia to see her sister and her beloved mountains.

**Fran Rowell** retired from the federal government and Arlington County government seven years ago at 66. She lives in a Hanover, Pa., active adult community and arranges monthly dinners, casino trips, and horseshoe games. She exercises and swims at the Y, sees first-run movies, and has three puggles, a mix of pug and beagle. She's an usher at Majestic Theater in Gettysburg, volunteers at the annual Gettysburg Festival in June, and still belongs to the ParTEA Dolls chapter of the Red Hat Society in Manassas, Va. Fran had cataracts removed from both eyes and recently saw *Million Dollar Quartet* at the Kennedy Center.

**Adrienne Ames**, who's been in Nashville, Tenn., for 36 years, thanks the 1962 class agents for agreeing to gather news for *UMW Magazine*. She's retired but is still a senior consultant for the Executive Nursing Administration at Vanderbilt University, where she holds a faculty appointment with the School of Nursing. While Adrienne's major responsibilities have been in nursing and

hospital/clinic administration, she was a family practice practitioner in her early years. She spends time with family and friends, volunteers, and travels.

**Karen Kilgore Ralston '69** curates vintage clothing displays at Woodruff-Fontaine House in Memphis. A BBC Radio reporter interviewed her at England's Ascot Racecourse after he noticed her hat, which she'd embellished.

he was deployed to Afghanistan for six months. Maggie's son and his wife were based in Bangkok, where he was to be CEO of Ascend Therapeutics and was working on a therapy for those with brain injuries. They kept their Northern Virginia house and their Northern Neck river place but took their dog with them.

**Bonnie Booker Kinzer** of Southport, N.C., left MWC after her sophomore year to study nursing at U.Va. Husband Joe is retired military. Her mother, who is 94, lives nearby. Betty's older grandson graduated last year from Appalachian State, where the younger one is a student. Another

**Kay Mizell Heppinstill** spent 10 days away from her apartment while she was without heat and electricity after Hurricane Sandy. Kay is retired, enjoys bridge and book groups, volunteers for church and the community, and has long served as a lay member delegate for the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Louise Couch Girvin** and John of Kentucky have seven grandchildren. The first, Emily, is to head to college next year. Granddaughter Jenna was on a banner and programs at an Orlando cheerleading competition. Louise and John planned a spring

trip with their church group to Branson, Mo., and a fall Road Scholar trip to San Antonio. They come east to visit John's sister and **Kathleen Sprengle Lisagor**, who has three children and eight grandchildren. Her third granddaughter was to begin college. Daughter Amy is a minister of music.

**Joyce Wilborn Lacy's** eighth grandchild, Louis W. Lacy III, arrived on Christmas Eve, joining sister Campbell Grace Lacy, 2, and six cousins, ages 9 to 16. With two family members named Lou already, they decided to call him Kip. He's already attended several U.Va. basketball games with his parents and grandparents.

**Peggy Downs Gerber's** sixth grandchild, William Lincoln Maher, was born in August 2012 to Peggy's daughter, Marge, and husband Mike in Philadelphia. Will joins brother Evan, 4, and sister Carley, 2. Also in August, their son, Pete, who has a masonry company, married high school teacher Tami Rappa, and they live in Wilmington. Peggy, John, and son Dave looked forward to a Florida vacation and visiting Kathleen Lisagor in March on the way home.

**Jane Walshe McCracken** has progressed steadily after her stroke and is back to working two days a week. She wants some of the West Coast girls to surf around for news for the next edition of *UMW Magazine*. **Joan Akers Rothgeb** has been contacting classmates for news, babysitting grandchildren, and traveling to their mountain cabin with Eddie.

Our sympathies go to the husband and family of **Donna Stevens Boyd**, who passed away in October, and to **Ann Tensch Huml**, who lost her sister in December. Please send this type of news to the class agents or the Office of Alumni Relations.

As ever, thanks from your three faithful agents. Let us hear from you by letter, email, or phone... starting now!

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This column is being written

before Reunion Weekend, but with the wonderful planning, I'm certain everyone had a great time! I enjoyed talking with classmates while calling around to help us get the highest participation possible. I discovered one we'd lost touch with – **Nancy Hicks O'Dea**, who left after junior year to finish and pursue a higher degree at American University. A bit of sleuthing by **Cynthia Whitaker Finnely** found Nancy in Northern Virginia.

**Beth Taylor Schreiner** and I live in Northern Virginia and got together for lunch in March after talking about it for years. Beth and her husband bought a starter house and now that their three children have moved out, it's the right size again. They lived abroad for several years in Bangkok, Thailand; Vienna, Austria; and

old. Bev and her husband's Jersey Shore cottage escaped damage during Hurricane Sandy last fall. Their rescue dog and two rescue cats travel with them from Fort Worth, Texas, to New Jersey.

**Melinda Wilson Watterson Thiesing** ended seven years of widowhood, marrying someone last May whose sister and mother she'd known for more than 50 years. At 69, it was a huge decision for both to remarry, move, and buy and remodel another house. Melinda hoped to take her husband to Virginia this spring and would love to touch base with alums in Oklahoma.

**Norma Bass Mears** lost her retired USMC lieutenant colonel husband last year after a long illness. Since Norma's 2004 retirement, they'd had wonderful experiences traveling together around the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Their most special trip was a Christmas week in Paris, where they toasted in

the New Year with friends at the Eiffel Tower. Norma still travels with family and friends. Her daughter and her family and children live nearby, and her son and his wife and children live in Richmond.

**Pat Hess Jernigan** is retired but travels and has volunteered at the Smithsonian for 15 years. She started a new job assisting with data input for the memorial project at the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center.

**Bonnie "Be" Davison Herrera**, a sculptor, plans to be in Washington, D.C., Richmond, and Westmoreland County for Thanksgiving to set up exhibits and workshops for 2014 and 2015. She's involved with three exhibits of her North American labyrinth photos. Be worked in Oregon and California in winter and spring and was editing *Oregon's Botanical Landscape*, about native plants in their own habitat. She teaches a four-part poetry-writing series for an ARC program and worked on a new series, "Phenomenal Women," coinciding with National Women's History Month. Be said **Pat Hurston Lin** wrote the play *Zelda at the Oasis*, about F. Scott

Fitzgerald's wife. It opened before Christmas at St. Luke's Theatre at Times Square and was getting rave reviews.

I planned to guide another group to France in July and was looking forward to it after a long, troubling winter that began in fall with Hurricane Sandy, then moved on to a huge Halloween snowstorm and the unspeakable pre-Christmas massacre of 26 children and adults in Newtown, Conn., 40 minutes from where I live. After almost 45 years, former freshman roommate **Sally Crenshaw Witt** and I found each other by reading *Class Notes* and have become like those 18th-century ladies who regularly exchanged voluminous letters, except we correspond through email. If you see someone you remember when reading *Class Notes*, head to your computer or take up your pen and write! You'll be amazed by how much the renewed relationship adds to your life.

I'll send reminders about the next *Class Notes* due date. I find reading your letters moving, bringing back floods of memories. I hope you enjoy reading the news too. People really do love to hear from you. Good wishes to you and your families and friends.

1965

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Due to major computer problems in February, I lost lots of files; if your news didn't make it into this issue, please resend it! Also, please send updated email addresses as you move or retire. Only two more years until our 50th! Stay in touch so we can have a great crowd at our reunion!

I have two new grandchildren. My daughter had a son, Sutter James McBroom, in November, and my daughter-in-law had a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Weisser, in March. Both families live in California, so I still travel a lot. My son was in the Middle East again, so my daughter-in-law was alone with the baby and a 3- and a 5-year old. Her mother was with her for the birth, and we planned to help until my son returns. Most of us turn 70 this year, and the aches and pains come more frequently, but I'm

Sculptor **Bonnie "Be" Davison Herrera '64** plans to be in Washington, D.C., Richmond, and Westmoreland County to set up exhibits and workshops.

London. Beth is active in U.S. Masters Swimming competitions, traveling around the U.S. and Canada. At reunion time, she was to be in Sacramento, Calif., for the high school graduation of her grandchild, who is valedictorian.

**Kathy Friedman Levinson**, a private-practice family therapist, and husband Sandy, a retired vascular surgeon, live on the water in Rowayton, Conn., which Kathy describes as a mini Nantucket. David in Breckenridge, Colo., and Karin in Los Angeles often come home to visit. **Leah Headley Samuelson** does fundraising and landmarks properties with Historic Pueblo Inc. She and husband Gordon stay in touch with their two grandsons in Michigan via Skype.

1964

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One of our classmates wrote, "It's all mundane stuff, but it's my mundane stuff. Patches of my life." We all lead different lives, and what may seem mundane to the writer is news to the reader!

**Bev Jackson Johnston's** first grandchild, Abigail, is 3 months





determined to continue playing tennis another few years.

**Susan Ford Irons** and husband Jim, a golfer, are retired. Susan attended her 50th high school reunion in Newport News, Va., and met former classmates in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., for Fourth of July, in Palm Desert in December, and in Hilton Head in April. They took a river trip from Amsterdam to Budapest in May 2011, and several friends they made then joined them on a trip to Italy last October. Son Tyler lives and works in Southern California.

**Martha Jones Burke '66**, **Nancy Buchanan Perry '70**, and **Nancy Coates Wilson** are retired, rang in 2013 with their husbands at the Asheville, N.C., Grove Park Inn, and belong to a dinner group started more than 30 years ago. They've also traveled with their husbands to Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and Cape May, N.J.

**Pat Hartman Brownlee** went to California after graduation to teach school in San Diego, met John, a Marine, and married. They live in Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and have four daughters, all but one of whom are married, four grandchildren, and six granddogs. They all live close and get together a lot. John is retired and Pat is semi-retired with Mary Kay. They travel a lot and got together with **Kathy Burke House** and husband Bill of Frederick, Md.

During a weekend in Charlottesville, **Helen Hutton Smith** and **Donna Gates Mason** celebrated the 70th birthday of **Joan Peatross**, who recently retired from Martha Jefferson Hospital. Joan's daughter, Cameron, and husband Travis were also there. Joan and Helen have known each other since second grade, and Donna was Joan's MWC roommate.

1966

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann

notified us that our beloved class sponsor, George Van Sant, suffered a stroke and passed away peacefully in January. His wife, Milena, asked Bobbi to relay his gratitude for seeing so many of us at our 45th reunion, one of his many career highlights. His memorial service was at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock, Va., and his burial was at Quantico. He will be sorely missed.

**Kathleen Crawford Hoffman** retired as deputy executive director of the Association of Social Work Boards, where she

while she campaigned for six months for Republicans in the November elections. They planned to be homebodies after visiting John's favorite cousins and Anne's sister's family. Their dear cat, Night, is more than 18 years old.

**Susan Roth Nurin** and family celebrated her mother's 99th birthday in January. Mrs. Roth, from a Jewish immigrant family, graduated high school at 16 and earned a master's degree when most women didn't attend college. She spent decades as a principal and Hebrew

schoolteacher, tutor, and instructor to native English speakers who couldn't read, and traveled to all seven continents. Susana is following in her footsteps with her travels and

love of life in New York. She took a fall cruise from Santiago, Chile, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Musician son Justin and his wife moved to Baltimore. Daughter Tamara, a freelance journalist in Philadelphia, has a serious boyfriend but has never married.

**Yvonne March** and traveling companion Judith planned a May trip to Spain. **Genie McClellan Hobson** survived a difficult 2012 and hoped for a better 2013. Genie had hip issues, and Don had several surgeries with

the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Del., concentrating on understanding and developing a treatment for PMD, but she dreams of retirement. Genie and Don have a son, a daughter, and two grandsons who live nearby. Son Byron owns and manages Limestone Therapeutic Massage and treats his mother to weekly massages.

**Susan Hanes Chaney** and Bill of Deltaville, Va., flew to Mobile, Ala., then drove across the Gulf Coast to Biloxi, Miss., and along the Mississippi River to Natchez. In May, Susan and Bill traveled to Ohio to reconnect with relatives, then toured the American Southwest, starting in Durango, Colo., and hiking through Mesa Verde and Monument Valley. They grow vegetables and flowers, tinker with antique cars, volunteer, and socialize. Bill fishes and Susan does yoga.

**Lois Rucker Scott** and husband Sam, who were in the same class at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va., had their 50th reunion in October. Lois served on the reunion committee and felt obligated to attend, despite Sam's recent triple cardiac bypass surgery. He's back at work and in a cardiac rehab program. Lois and Sam traveled to Los Angeles for Sam's annual medical conference and to visit nieces and nephews. They visited daughter Holly, who moved to Redlands, Calif., when it became part of her

surgical equipment marketing and sales territory. Daughter Melanie and family, including Lois and Sam's three grandchildren, moved to a house across the street

from them. Lois attends knitting and quilting retreats in North Carolina.

**Sandra Hutchison Schanné** visits daughter Amy's family in Denver. Layne is 5; twins Alexis and Van are 2. Sandra and Rich hosted them, son Brandon's five from Texas, and son Ricky's five from Aldie, Va., at Christmas, then spent a week at Massanutten Resort in Virginia.

**Joan Cuccias Patton** still travels as much as possible and substitute teaches high school

In New Zealand, Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer '61 saw border collies work the sheep, went to the top of the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere, and explored the North and South Islands.

still works as a part-time editor. **Kitty Downs Gregg** and husband Don of Denver vacationed in Washington, D.C., and Florida in May. Son Chris returned home after a year in Iraq, finished a master's degree in finance at the University of Colorado, and works for the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Research in D.C., where Kitty worked for several years after leaving MWC.

**Linda Mitchell Spiers**, an Episcopal priest near Hartford, Conn., had a challenging year because of the Sandy Hook disaster. She's rededicated her energies toward making a better world for our children. **Catherine Cantwell Luria** and husband Eric retired the family practice, Harbor Health Associates, in Gig Harbor, Wash., after 35 years. Cathe still works part time at her new mental-health-only practice, Minerva Mental Health. The Lurias had a big retirement party, then flew to St. Croix for a week of English country dancing, their favorite hobby. Eric joined a community college ukulele class. Cathe still plays flute, continues voice lessons, and was thinking of learning the oboe and joining a Spanish immersion program.

**Anne Meade Claggett's** husband, John, supported her

Linda Mitchell Spiers '66 of Hartford, Conn., rededicated her energies to making a better world for children.

complications but regained enough strength to resume volunteer work as chairman of the PMD Foundation, which serves those affected by Pelizaeus-Merzbacher, a genetic disease that attacks the central nervous system. Genie and Don attended a March Leukodystrophy Alliance conference in Florida, then canoed the state's rivers and visited Genie's stepmother and other relatives. Genie works full time as head of the Neurogenetics Research Lab at

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math. She took her first trip to Hawaii this winter with her daughter and son-in-law and spent a week in February in Tampa, Fla., with friends. She's involved with her children and grandchildren, loves golf, and joined Heritage Hunt Little Theater in Gainesville, Va.

**Kathleen Goddard Moss** and **Eileen Goddard Albrigo** lost both their parents. Florence, 91, entered hospice care in August. Glen, 93, developed a fever and passed away in September. Florence died in December. During the summer, most of their family was able to visit and enjoy the 70th wedding anniversary celebrations. Eileen and John's ninth grandchild, daughter Liz's first child, was born in July, and they expected another grandson this spring. Eileen and John traveled to Syracuse, N.Y., to celebrate the 90th birthday of John's mother, Julia, who still lives independently with husband Frank, 91. Kathy works part time supervising young therapists. She and Tom attended the Yorktown High School 50th class reunion in fall. Tom still feeds and comforts distressed patients at the nursing home he trained in after retiring.

1967

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My husband, Dan, and I are retired and living in Lexington, S.C. I am active in my church, I write, and I garden. Dan and I have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Judy Douglass Everett** and **Keith** vacationed in Brazil, visiting youngest daughter Emily, who speaks Portuguese and was completing her master's of divinity degree on an internship

there. Judy works part time for daughter Jennette's company, which is involved with the Beyoncé tour. Oldest daughter Buffy was to visit Judy on spring break with grandson Aiden, 3½.

**Sandi Lawhorne Green** of Great Falls, Va., is a retired reading specialist for Arlington County Public Schools and still works for the county on short-term assignments. She volunteers at church, attends a book club, and sells Silpada jewelry. Son Justin is a Loudoun County Fire and Rescue captain. Daughter Ashley teaches second grade. Sandi lunches often with **Donna Sinclair Seward** and **Catherine Wilson**.

**Frances Suzanne Gills** married Gary Lee Giles in January 2012, after being divorced 30 years. They spent a month on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. They live on the water in Seaford, Va., sail, and spend time with their combined five children and nine grandchildren.

**Nancy Jones Stodart's** company, Fourth Lloyd Productions, released the title *Let's Talk About Early Language Development* this spring.

1968

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1969

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We're proud of **Patti Boise Kemp**, who took office last summer as president of the UMW Alumni Association, after two years as president-elect. She was the reunion vice president for our 40th in 2009. Patti was invited to be keynote speaker at the March Junior Ring Ceremony. She asked us on Facebook to send memories or pictures from the 1968 Ring Dance, and it was truly a "blast from the past."

**Iris Harrell**, **Karen Kilgore Ralston**, **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness**, and **Phyllis Newby Thompson** got together in California while Karen was there visiting her sister. Suzanne and Phyllis live two towns

over from Iris. Karen lives in Memphis, Tenn., where she curates vintage clothing displays at the Woodruff-Fontaine House. She also is milliner to the stars at Playhouse on the Square, provided costumes for Willy Bearden educational videos at the Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum in Tupelo, and was interviewed by BBC Radio when she wore a hat she embellished to England's Ascot Racecourse. Karen also makes jewelry from vintage brooches, knits, and crochets.

Phyllis, who lives in California, and **Donna Cannon Julian** of Naples, Fla., each hosted UMW President Richard V. Hurley and wife Rose in their homes for alumni gatherings. Donna hosted a small group in January, and Iris and Suzanne helped Phyllis host a March gathering, including alumni from all decades and a tour of Phyllis' home, for which Iris did renovations.

Donna, with **Lyn Howell Gray**, **CeCe Smith Riffer**, and **Ann Simpson Brackett**, was planning a mini-reunion in June, when Lyn would be home from Liberia, where she and husband Jim still live. Ann's daughter married in California in January. Two weeks later her husband's son married in Sarasota, Fla. Donna and husband Gene had dinner in February with **Jean Polk Hanky** and husband Jack, who were visiting the Naples area. Iris heard from **Bev Holt**, who's retired in North Carolina, and **Pam Hogan Baynard**, who's retired in Suffolk, Va.

When **Gaye Gregory Elliott '70** sees Mick Jagger, she reminisces about **Carole LaMonica Clark '70's** father driving them to D.C. for a Rolling Stones concert.

**Jeanine Zavrel Fearn** has worked for Commonwealth Orthopedics for 19 years. She spent a fall week in Vermont and upstate New York with daughter Erin and planned to visit relatives in Chicago in May. She drove from Fairfax, Va., to meet in Abingdon with UMW roomie **Ann Witham Kilpatrick**, who drove from South Carolina. Jeannine also visited suitemate **Suzy Bender Winterble** at her

Chesapeake Bay home near Yorktown, and they planned to visit Suzy's roomie, **Toni Turner Bruseth**, in Austin, Texas, for the opening of her husband's exhibit of the recovered 18th-century sailing ship La Belle.

**Bonnie Page Hoopengardner** and husband Roger took a January trip to Indochina. Bonnie still works as a CPA but is thinking of retiring. After two knee surgeries in three years and little skiing, biking, and hiking, **Lou Myers Daly** of Vail, Colo., challenged herself. She went to real estate school and now works in that field.

**Connie Cline Bukzin** and dentist husband Mitch traveled in February to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Their two grandsons live nearby in Northern Virginia. Connie's suitemate, **Connie Hinson**, a part-time spa coordinator at the Tides Inn, vacationed in Hilton Head, S.C., last year.

I'd like to hear from more of you. I hope everyone is having a lovely, relaxing summer.

1970

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**Barbara Forgiione Tansey** and husband Bruce welcomed their first grandchild, a boy, born to daughter Lisa and husband Eric in March 2012. A month later Barbara and Bruce learned that Bruce had stage-4 cancer, and he passed away in June. Barbara plans to relocate to Chesapeake, Va., to be near Lisa and her grandson. Our sincere condolences go to Barbara.

**Gaye Gregory Elliott** enjoys retirement with husband Stephen, taking classes and attending lectures around Richmond, and exploring her family history. When she sees Mick Jagger she reminisces about my dad driving us to Washington, D.C., for a Rolling Stones concert. We could see them, but we couldn't hear them with all the screaming!

**Ellen Grace Jaronczyk** of Williamsburg hosted a large Thanksgiving family gathering. Her parents relocated to a nearby



# Principal Gives Kids Everything She's Got

Wherever **Melanie Kay-Wyatt '92, M.Ed. '06** goes, she hears a familiar chorus.

Standing outside the ballet studio where her youngest daughter dances. Walking through the aisles at the grocery store. Relaxing at the nail salon. Even during vacations to Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Disney World.

"Mrs. Wyatt! Mrs. Wyatt!" they shout, excited – and sometimes even a little shocked – to spy their middle school principal in a civilian environment.

Kay-Wyatt, a Fredericksburg teacher and administrator since 1997, has made forging strong relationships with students the cornerstone of her career, chatting them up in classrooms, hallways, lunchrooms, and everywhere in between.

So when they spot her out and about, she's only too happy to engage.

"You have to build some kind of connection with them or you lose them," she said. "That relationship piece is key."

Mentoring tweens wasn't in Kay-Wyatt's original career plan. She earned a bachelor's degree in business at University of Mary Washington with every intention of pursuing a career in nonprofit law. She was working for a government contractor in Crystal City and taking night classes toward a master's degree in public administration when it dawned on her: She wasn't happy.

"I wasn't satisfied in that type of job, and I always thought I would be," she said. "It was boring. It was budgets and numbers – it just wasn't for me."

Around that same time, she was thumbing through her high school yearbook when she found a message she'd written to herself on a piece of unicorn notepaper. In it, she predicted she'd be a special education teacher.

"I said, 'This is a sign. This is what I've been talking about,'" Kay-Wyatt said.

Within months, she'd enrolled in a master's degree program at Old Dominion University and started teaching special education at Culpeper Middle School. The following year, she joined the staff at Hugh Mercer Elementary in Fredericksburg, later moving to the city's James Monroe High School, where she was voted teacher of the year in 2004.

A year later, she became the assistant principal of Walker-Grant Middle School, and



Norm Shaffer

**Melanie Kay-Wyatt** was working for a government contractor when she realized she needed to take her career in a different direction. Now she's a middle school principal.

she's been the principal there since 2011.

Meanwhile, she earned a master's degree in educational leadership from UMW in 2006, and she's on track to receive a doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University in May 2014. She recently became the Region III representative to the Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and she's a member of Women Education Leaders in Virginia. She's also the mother of two teen girls, Billie, 17, and Temple, 15.

Academics are important, Kay-Wyatt said, but creating well-rounded young people means engaging them outside the classroom, too. To that end, she's instituted a number of programs aimed at helping students resolve conflicts, positively motivate each other, and connect with mentors in the community.

Most days, the Walker-Grant principal is at the front door to greet students as they come in. She makes a point to talk with at least five of her 650 charges daily, and she's not above being silly to get their attention. She once wore a backward cap and sunglasses and led her staff in a flash-mob performance. Next to motherhood, Kay-Wyatt said being an educator is the most challenging and rewarding job she's ever had.

"Every day is different. Every moment is different. You're always looking at a situation and finding a way to make it better," she said. "Kids come to you from all walks of life. When you step into that building, you give them everything you've got."

— Edie Gross

facility that offers more care, and Ellen hoped to have more time for adult literacy tutoring.

**Gretchen Gregory Davis** and husband Gene sold their Chesterfield, Mo., home and moved to an apartment in St. Charles. They purchased a larger condo in Summit County, Colo., and plan to relocate there with their cat and two yellow Labs after renovations are completed this summer and Gene's planned July retirement. Gretchen serves on her HOA board in Colorado while winding down volunteer work in Missouri. Son Greg completed a graduate-level program his company offered and was selected as a lead engineer on the project he was working on.

**Anne Sommervold LeDoux** and husband John welcomed grandson Sean, born in August to son Justin and wife Cari, who moved into a new home in December. Anne and John's other son, Matt, and wife Shannon live in Arizona, where their daughter, Grace, is in kindergarten and their son, Cash, 2, goes to a Montessori school. Anne traveled to Tanzania and spent time in the Serengeti photographing wild animals in January 2012, and she traveled around Israel in October. John continues to do consulting work, help at church, and play golf.

In spring 2012, **Patricia Pirmatti** took a Victorian Society trip to Wilmington, Del., to tour the Alfred I. duPont Nemours-Mansion and Gardens and Joseph Shipley's Rockwood estate. Last fall, Pat attended the annual Victorian Days celebration in Belvidere, N.J., and took her annual trip to southwest Florida, where she visited the Ringling Museums in Sarasota, saw her first live *Nutcracker* performance by the Miami City Ballet at the Naples Philharmonic Center, and heard a piano performance at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

**Susan Duffey DiMaina**, a retired high school English teacher, still substitute teaches. She serves on the board of a nonprofit that serves a Zambian village, volunteers at a community food site, and sits on the board and maintains the website for her Northern Virginia neighborhood's civic association.

Husband John works at the International Monetary Fund. Daughter Caitlin graduated last year from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and was working with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in L.A. to help provide housing for the homeless.

**Faye Carrithers Roberts** and husband Claude moved to northern Florida in 1984, and Faye began library work in 1985. They celebrated their 40th anniversary last year and have five grandchildren. While speaking to library groups as executive director of the Florida Library Association, Faye reconnected with **Athene "Tena" Poulos Harris** and met **Jody Campbell Close '60**.

I lost my mom in December, barely seven weeks after losing my dad. They were both WWII veterans, and their cremains will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery later this year.

Everyone who writes tells me how much they enjoy reading about classmates. So consider adding me to your Christmas newsletter list, and drop me a line about places you've visited, your hobbies and interests, or anything in your life.

1971

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By the time you read this article, our 40th reunion will be a memory. Thanks to **Janet Hedrick** and **Sharon Richmond Janis** for serving as our reunion class representatives. Keep those emails, cards, and letters coming!

Rod and I will celebrate our 30th anniversary in June and plan a trip to Belize to snorkel, kayak, fish, and drink delicious

rum concoctions. We also look forward to our annual week of R&R with family in North Carolina's Outer Banks. I helped at a florist shop for Valentine's Day and started painting classes in the fall. I was looking forward to chatting with classmates, including **Virginia Davey Addison**, **Anne Bevins Cooper**, and **Jeanne Coats Black**, at the March reception for the Richmond Alumni Network.

**Susan Regan** of Virginia retired from a career in education as a teacher, principal, and director of personnel. She is secretary of her condo association. Last year she took

**Mary Driehaus Schwem '73**, director of academic services for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University campus in Cheyenne, Wyo., has lived in Cheyenne since 1984.

a cruise to Alaska and visited Seattle. **Ruth Siko** retired from Roanoke City Schools. **Debbe Heiman-Hughes** lives in Northern Virginia. **Bambi Creighton Willis** is rector at St. Asaph's Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, Va.

**Mary Driehaus Schwem** is director of academic services for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's campus in Cheyenne, Wyo., where she's lived since 1984, courtesy of the Air Force. Husband Bill retired in 1994. One of their daughters works for the law library at Ohio State and one is a nuclear engineer for Idaho National Laboratory. Their son works for the National Institutes of Health in the Philippines.

**Sharon Richmond Janis** planned to retire after nine years as innkeeper at the Delaware Inn at Rehoboth and relocate to Greensboro, N.C. **Barbara Lee Brand's** son was to marry in June in San Francisco, and another son and his wife were to come from London for the festivities.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. Keep sending updates on yourself and classmates.

1974

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Class of 1974, we know you're out there doing great, exciting things, and we want to hear about them more frequently than every five years at reunions. Start planning now for our 40th, coming up in May 2014, and let us know what you'd like to do.

**Missie Carpenter** lives in California and doesn't see many classmates, but she travels to Virginia to look after her aging mother. She stays in touch with **Cynthia Gorwitz** of Fayetteville, N.C., whose twins were to graduate from high school this year. When Missie visited her brother in Florida in January, she spoke to Linda Kier Hertler, who lives near Miami, still teaches school, and scuba dives.

Missie said **Mary Tulipane** was in a serious car accident last July and passed away in August as a result of her injuries. Mary and Missie's fathers were in the Marine Corps together, and their families were longtime friends. Mary majored in psychology, lived on campus her first two years, and then moved to an off-campus apartment. She had children Catherine and David and worked for the Hogan Lovells law firm.

Missie exchanged emails a few years ago with **Patti Kershaw Morris**, a real estate agent in Monroe, La., when their high school graduating class was celebrating its 40th reunion.

Missie lives in a rural agricultural area in Sacramento Valley, about 100 miles north of Sacramento, amid rice fields and almond, walnut, prune, and olive orchards. She is an avid quilter. After many years in the nursery/landscaping industry, she works in a farmer's office and looks forward to retiring someday.

Hope all is well with you!

1975

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1977

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**Rob Hall** and I moved to a new home in Saltville, Va., where Rob continues as chief of police. He's made major strides in safety and community policing, and launched the "Serving Seniors Initiative," a series of programs addressing the needs of area senior citizens. I've added yoga classes and sing with my choir. Our energetic boxer-mix is our constant companion.

After a spell with NASA and Electromagnetic Sciences, **Barbara Auray Hampden** of the Orlando/Winter Park area has sold Florida real estate since 1994. She still swims, gardens, tutors, bikes, and travels with husband Ed and extended family. She reconnected with **Martha Londeree**, **Nora Kathryn Wire**, **Janet Langhorne**, and **Donna Burner**.

**Kevin Havens** is associate pastor at Pender United Methodist Church in Fairfax, Va. He has granddaughters Taylor and Hannah. Oldest son Trevor is a Marine Corps gunnery sergeant. Youngest son Tanner was to start college in the fall. Kevin still plays Christian music; his group, JC Reigns, has released four CDs in the past nine years. They traveled with Chuck Colson and Prison Fellowship but now focus on raising money for fresh water and Christian relief around the world.

1978

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By the time you read this, our 35th reunion will have taken place. I hope you had a wonderful time! I'm sorry I missed it. As director of fundraising development for one of the country's best libraries, I had to be at our signature fundraising gala.





This is my last *Class Notes* submission as class agent. Between hectic work lives in Connecticut and aging parents, who live a day's drive away, my husband, Jim, and I want to cut back on volunteer activities, with one exception. I'm an avid outdoor cyclist and participate in several cycling fundraisers each year. It's been my pleasure to be your class agent. I look forward to reading about classmates in the years to come.

**Anne Leckie** retired as executive director of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun, a self-governing First Nation in the central Yukon area of Canada, in September 2011. She and partner Mark spent 18 months visiting Europe, the U.S. East Coast, Hawaii, and Mexico. They took a three-month, 10,000-kilometer winter road trip from Yukon to Todos Santos in Baja California, Mexico, which they were considering making a winter home.

**Bobbi Rollins Johnson** was with the federal government, where she met husband Loren, for 17 years. They built a house on former farmland her parents bought in Hanover County, Va. Her sister lives next door, and her brother plans to build and retire there. Bobbi does genealogy research. Son Joey earned a degree in physics and astronomy at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff and is pursuing a Ph.D. in physics at Arizona State University in Tempe. Bobbi keeps up with "roomie" **Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins '78** and said, "Libby was the best thing that happened to me at Mary Washington, and I am eternally grateful for her friendship."

Isn't that the truth about so many of our MWC friendships?!

## 1979

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Condolences go to **Betsy Larson Kyker**, who lost her father, retired Navy Capt. Richard Larson, in November. He was a key part of Betsy's family, having lived with them for many years after Betsy's mother passed away. Our sympathies also go to **Judy Kemp Allard**, who lost her mother in December. She had lived with Judy's family for several years, and I enjoyed her annual Christmas greetings. She was one of a kind, and many of

us who knew Judy at MWC have fond memories of "Becky with the bun."

My son graduated this May from East Carolina University with a major in communication-media production. I'm sure he'd love to work on the West Coast, but it would take a while to get used to him being so far away.

The next *Class Notes* deadline is Nov. 15. Let us know what you've been up to!

## 1980

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**Margaret Bell Synan** joined Tabernacle United Methodist Church and was working on prayer quilts and on canvases for Fredericksburg shows. In April, she visited a family ancestral home in Natchez, Miss.

After working with orphans in Dilla, Ethiopia, for years, **Jayne Feeney** traveled to newly independent South Sudan to open sites for new lay ministers, teachers, nurses, and program managers. She visited **Debbie Bradshaw Chambers '84** at her Texas home and worked with Haitian hydrocele patients with **Marianne Blais Dineen**.

I live in Philadelphia now but still work remotely for Humana. My husband took a medical director position in clinical/health policy at AmeriHealth Mercy last year, shortly after my father passed away.

## 1984

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**Deona Landes Houff** writes and edits for *The News Leader* in Staunton, Va. Musician son Chance graduated from high school and works full time.

**Lisa Bentley Brouette** is a sergeant in charge of training and special events with the Kirkland, Wash., police department, where she's been for 14 years. She dates a University of Louisville professor. Lisa's son graduated from Western Washington University, works for Boeing, and plans to marry his college sweetheart. Her daughter, an NCAA rower, is a Western Washington University sophomore.

**Catherine Gibbons Kunkel**, a Chesterfield County kindergarten teacher, has taught for 21 years. Daughter Katy is to join UMW's Class of 2017. Daughter Emily, a high-school student, is involved in theater.

**Sigrid Skrivseth Houston** and husband Scott live in Maryland. Sigrid directs her church's children's ministry, teaches English as a second language,

for National Account Service Co. Daughter **Becky Lamm '13** majored in international affairs. Son Tom studies military history in the Virginia Tech corps of cadets. Son Stephen is in the high school marching band and track and field.

**Kaye Bost Pennock** has taught economics and personal finance at Stafford High School for 23 years, was named Virginia's 2012 Outstanding Economic Educator, and was exploring teaching at the college level. Husband Rick is in the Fredericksburg Police Department. Son Kyle is an officer with Stafford's Rappahannock Regional Jail. Daughter Lauryn is at Germanna Community College and hopes to transfer to UMW to complete a business administration degree.

**Sidney Griffith Keith** received a master's of education in instruction and curriculum with a specialty in secondary science from the University of Florida. She teaches high school Earth and space science and American Sign Language. She and husband Mark, brother of **Jennifer Keith Jones '87**, moved from Richmond to St. Augustine, Fla., 10 years ago. The Keiths' son, Ian, is deaf and has a movement disorder. Mark wrote *No Dad, It Does Not Involve a Hippopotamus*, an e-book of stories about raising a special-needs child.

After 18 months of breast cancer treatment, **Sara Jones Uzel** was training for a half-marathon.

She and husband Mark have an Arlington, Va., consulting practice. Son Mallory is at UNC Wilmington. Daughter Camille is at North Carolina State. A young man named Wes joined their family last

year and goes to UMW, so they finally have a third-generation connection!

**Julie Clark**, procurement manager at XO Communications in Herndon, Va., traveled to India to work with her outreach team. She recently biked 60 miles to raise \$1,600 for MS and 200 miles in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, and hopes to complete all 400-plus miles with her Iowa cousins.

After years working with orphans in Dilla, Ethiopia, **Jayne Feeney '83** traveled to newly independent South Sudan to open sites there for aid workers.

and substitutes. Daughter Erika, a University of Delaware senior, studies English education. Son Tim, an Eagle Scout and Towson University freshman, studies music. Michael, a 10th-grader, aims to become an Eagle Scout this year.

College sweethearts **Joanne Bartholomew Lamm** and **Chris Lamm** of Pennsylvania met the first day of freshman year. Joanne is in manuscript collection at the Carlisle Barracks Military History Institute. Chris works

After graduation, dancer **Jolie Long** trained in NYC and earned an MFA at Florida State University. She returned to Virginia to direct the Chatham Hall dance program, then became a professor of dance at Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. Jolie recently reconnected with UMW theater professor Jean Hunt and saw a performance in honor of ballet professor Sonja Dragomanovic Haydar.

**Katherine Aaslestad** and **John Lambertson** of Morgantown, W.Va., met at MWC. Katherine teaches history at West Virginia University; John teaches art history at Washington & Jefferson College. They have three children, Morgan, a Goucher College senior; Raef, a University of Richmond freshman; and Alaine, a high school junior. They sometimes see **Abas Adenan** and **Eileen Brown Adenan '88** and their girls.

**Renee Allen Kuntz** works for the federal government and lives near Baltimore. She and husband Scott celebrated their 25th anniversary in North Carolina's Outer Banks, rang in the New Year running a 5K, and had tickets for opening day at Camden Yards. Renee belongs to UMW's Baltimore/Annapolis Regional Alumni Network, sees **Kathy Goeller Booth** at work, and ran into **Sigrid Skrivseth Houston** in Annapolis.

Our son Sean graduated college and works in Seattle. Daughter Lauren has another year of college here in Wisconsin and hopes to teach. I work with high school ELL students. Husband Scott is finishing his Ph.D. in military history. Hopefully, he and Lauren will graduate together. I connected with **Jessie Jones Lease** and **Alice Feely Wilson** and her husband of Milwaukee.

Hope to hear from you next time!

1986

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## Grad Student Fosters Pet Project

Pepper was about to be killed when **Christine Exley '09**, then 17, fell in love with the 20-pound pit bull. The dog, shoehorned into a crate, had survived a month – three weeks longer than average – among the constant influx of strays at the animal shelter.

"She never lost her spirit," Exley said. "I took her home."

Eight years later, the doctoral student of economics at Stanford University is trying to save dogs on a larger scale. To do so, she's applying a lesson learned in a freshman economics class at Mary Washington.

Shawn Humphrey, associate professor of economics, taught his students that the discipline could be used to solve real-world problems – and ultimately help make the world a better place. With so many people looking for pets, and with millions of dogs being killed every year, Exley thought the problem to be solved was in matching them. In early 2012, she and fellow animal-lover Elena Battles started Wagaroo.com, a company that helps bring together dogs and the humans who want them.

But the flood of pets and people who can't find one another – what Exley called a "massive market failure" – wasn't the only problem. "No SPCA is related to another SPCA, no humane society is related to another humane society," she said. "It's an incredibly fragmented market. It can be hard to find a dog with characteristics you want."

A clearinghouse for shelters, rescue organizations, and pet owners trying to find responsible breeders and new homes for their

dogs, Wagaroo.com allows people to search all of these at once by breed, size, age, gender, and other specifications.

Exley, CEO and chief of research, posted on the company website, "In regard to both economics and Wagaroo, I believe in testing everything, and then pursuing what works and changing what does not." That's something she practiced at UMW.

A four-year Washington Scholar who received the merit scholarship that covers tuition, room, board, and fees, Exley had planned to major only in math. Then Humphrey's belief that economics could



**Christine Exley '09 is using her UMW economics training to help match homeless dogs with people to love them. The Stanford University Ph.D. candidate graduated from UMW with departmental honors in economics and math and received the 2009 Darden Award for highest grade point average.**

change the world turned her into a double major.

She "fell in love with the economics way of thinking," she said, and worked in Honduras with Students Helping Honduras (SHH) building roofs on villagers' homes before the rainy season. When she told Humphrey about SHH and the humanitarian work there, he wanted to lend a hand.

Humphrey collaborated with Exley and SHH. Eventually they established La Ceiba Microfinance Institution, a student-run nonprofit group that provides loans and educational support in Honduras.

"What I was doing at Mary Washington is what graduate students are usually doing at a larger school," said Exley, who has undergraduate degrees in math and economics.

She believes her hands-on economics experience helped her get into Stanford. She plans to finish her Ph.D. in 2015, and she wants to teach, like Humphrey. "I don't think there's anything more rewarding than helping a student on an individual basis," she said.

But just as much as teaching, and maybe more, Exley said, "I want to save dogs. I want to pursue Wagaroo. I know we don't have all the answers, but I think we can find a lot of them."

– Kristin Davis



**At 11, Exley played with Lucky, her family's first rescued dog. Lucky lives with Exley's parents today, 14 years later.**





## 1987

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**From Kim:** Ken and I are in our 17th year in business. Ken also works another job and enjoys radio-control flying. I've started learning about photography and still garden and do yoga; we turned our third bedroom into a yoga studio. It was wonderful to hear from some new people this time. Message me on Facebook or send an email. I'd love to get lots of updates for each edition of *UMW Magazine*.

**Julie Magness** and wife Kathy Merritt were to celebrate their third anniversary of legal marriage in July and 12th year together in October. Julie works for Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Kathy is vice president of content strategy and development for Public Radio International. They have four cats.

**Kimberly Keating McMahon** owns Let's Organize/Let's Move, helping people downsize, sell their homes, and move. Husband Kevin works for Booz Allen Hamilton. Oldest son Patrick is a sophomore studying biochemistry at University of Maryland, College Park. Son Brian joined him this year at UMD and plays Terps football. Collin is a high school freshman.

**Jennifer Lee Parrish's** Fredericksburg law firm, Parrish, Houck & Snead, moved near the courthouse. Jennifer spends time on weekends teaching her 16-year-old daughter to drive and suggests Fredericksburg residents stay off the streets!

**Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin** specializes in marketing people, destinations, and products with Section 10 Media, is still an image stylist, has a project in Las Vegas, and is working with the developers of The Fancy to learn to teach it to her clients. Anna Grace is 8; Jenna is 7.

**Toni Moore Milbourne's** daughter, Polly, changed her major to psychology in her senior year at Fairmont State University. The Red Cross promoted **Sara Marple Piehler** to lead technologist on overnights.

Congratulations on your and your children's accomplishments! Keep the updates coming!

## 1988

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**Linda Graybeal Hurt** works for the Bedford Public Library System; husband Dexter is energy manager for Roanoke County Public Schools. Their daughter graduated from U.Va. Their older son is a Vanderbilt School of Engineering freshman in Nashville, Tenn. Their younger son is a high school junior. The family recently traveled to San Francisco.

**Kaye Bost Pennock '85**, who has taught high school economics and personal finance for 23 years, was named Virginia's 2012 Outstanding Economic Educator.

**Robin Carrier** and family's travels include Dublin, Ireland; NYC; and Gatlinburg, Tenn. Husband Stephen Ritchie published a book, *Pro .NET Best Practices*.

**Anastasia Shirley Carson** teaches pre-K through eighth-grade art, gives private art lessons, and is represented by Broadway Galleries in Alexandria, Va. Youngest daughter Nadia is in seventh grade. Oldest daughter Ally was to start a film studies program in London.

My father and mother-in-law passed away last year, so my family was glad to leave 2012 behind. My stepdaughter finished her junior year at UMW, and my son was to start at George Mason University.

We hope to boat more on the Potomac this year.

Keep the updates coming! The next *Class Notes* deadline is Nov. 15.

## 1990

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Hello, Class of '92. Thanks to all who sent messages. Please keep – or start – it up! Some of us keep in touch online, but *UMW Magazine* is a wonderful way to stay connected with Mary Washington and one another. I hope to see more updates in the future!

My husband, Tom, and I visited my aunt and uncle in Sarasota, Fla., for Thanksgiving, seeing Myakka River State Park, the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, and the Siesta Key Drum Circle. In December, we started a community supper club, held our first progressive dinner, and led a neighborhood caroling group. We had a quiet Christmas at home with our cats. In February, we celebrated our

second Mardi Gras in Mobile, Ala., and hosted a Fat Tuesday supper club dinner in our home. My maternal grandfather, John Robinson, passed away, and Tom and I spent time with my family in Lexington, Va. I had high hopes for spring and new beginnings.

**Tevin Chaney** lives in Fredericksburg with **Mary Ann McDonald** and was to receive a master's degree in May. He works for the University of Maryland's Department of Geographical Sciences on USAID's Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment, doing satellite-based forest-cover monitoring. Tevin recently saw **Shannon Eadie Niemeyer '91** and husband **Frank Niemeyer '91**.

**Anne Thompson Mendez** lost sister-in-law **Elizabeth Eastwood Mendez** in October after a long, courageous battle with breast cancer. Friends and family were to run in her memory in May's Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C.

**Karolyn Hall** plans group motorcoach tours and cruises for a Richmond operator, went scuba diving in Cayman Brac, and keeps in touch with **Gabby Sulzbach Pickover**, who's married and lives in Fredericksburg.

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In November, **Amanda O'Brien Milleisen** and husband Scott welcomed son Kyle Alexander, who joined twin brothers Jack and Ethan. **Allison Eneedy** and husband Tom Cholis finished a large-scale renovation on their Norfolk, Va., house and welcomed first child Thomas Joseph Cholis IV in December. They do not recommend having contractors around when labor begins.

Expert knitter **Katie O'Leary Preston** and **Ryan Preston** welcomed third son Charlie on Thanksgiving. **MJ Figel Day** traveled the world last year, shooting on all seven continents as editor of *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit 2013*. At **Peter Heatley's**

suggestion, MJ asked Katie to knit a suit for the Antarctica shoot, which she did, and Kate Upton modeled it. MJ lives in Montclair, N.J., with her husband and son. She hosted a December holiday get-together and saw Peter, **Robin Kozic**, **Amy Lapasota Miles**, **Amy Mannion**, **Ali McEvoy Rehm**, and their families.

**Myra Simpson**, co-director of college guidance at the Ranney School in Tinton Falls, N.J., was named president-elect of the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling, for which she was serving a two-year term on the Affiliate Presidents Council, and at-large cabinet member for the Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools.

**Liz Weaver Williams** completed her first race, Disney's Princess Half Marathon, in Walt Disney World in February. **Kathleen Gillikin MacCubbin** and family visited Walt Disney World in March.

**Heather Baum Reynolds** moved to Strasburg, Pa., with her husband and son Tate, 1, in June 2012. She hosted recent visitors **Alison Cannington Adams '93**, **Mary Madeline Gilmore Webster '01**, **Jonathan Cordone**, **Maria Cole**, and **Karen Aiello Petteni**. **Jason Terril** visited family and friends around the world when he moved back to Virginia from Hawaii last fall.

Father **Patrick Daniel Tobin** O.P. survived his first winter of his University of St. Thomas ministry assignment in St. Paul, Minn., where he is a priest in campus ministry and chemistry professor. He lives near his former RA, **Michelle Trombetta**, who invites him to parties, much like their days in Framar.

I also partied with Willard Hall roommate **Kira Stchur** and boyfriend Eddie in February. We kicked off our vacation eating burgers cooked by chefs like Bobby Flay and Masaharu Morimoto at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival Burger Bash on Miami Beach, before embarking on a

Caribbean cruise. Before the trip, I had dinner with **Jeremiah Dooley**, who was in Minneapolis on a business trip.

## 1998

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Sorry, classmates, that I didn't send requests for information. I was a little preoccupied. I married the love of my life, Aaron Thomas, in March in Atlanta's Piedmont Park. **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** was matron of honor. **Katy Buchanan Storer**, **Corey Sell**, **Lisa Mueller**, and sister-in-law **Megan O'Callahan Goebel '06** helped make the day perfect.

Send updates my way, and I'll make sure they get in next time.

## 2000

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**Sarah Osborn** and husband Jason live on a Charlottesville farm and expected their first child, a daughter, in August. **David Liola** and **Katherine Liola** welcomed first daughter Harper Avery in January. **Sarah Schmoyer**, an instructional technology resource teacher, and Justin Green, who's

She planned a March trip to Brazil to introduce her 2-year-old son to the DaSilva side of the family.

**Matt Selwyn** and **Ariel Hatfield Selwyn** celebrated their 11-year anniversary. Matt works at NSWC and teaches part time at Strayer University. Ariel homeschools their four children and works for Norwex. She planned to start classes in March at Maryland's St. John's Academy of Natural Healing & Sciences, then go to esthetician school and to med school for dermatology.

**Anna Blackwell Bruner** lives in St. Augustine, Fla., with her husband and two children. She earned an MBA in 2008 and is an at-home mom. **Marisa Horn** lives in Louisville, Ky., with husband Philip. They planned to bring their adopted child home this year.

**Caroline Jarvis** of London planned a June trip to Norway with **Annie Johnston** and **Madelyn Marino**, and to run the Dublin Marathon in October. **Abby Porter** and Patrick Coyle of Salem, Mass., welcomed baby Jack Porter Coyle in January and planned a June wedding in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. **Kelsey Lynd** studies at the Yale School of Nursing, planned to volunteer this summer at a Zimbabwean hospital, and aims to be a women's health nurse practitioner.

**Angela Mills**, University of Tennessee senior director of alumni programs and outreach, was a speaker at this year's Council for Advancement and Support of Education District III conference in Atlanta. Under her leadership, the UT alumni association's chapters and clubs program team won a grand award at the 2012 Chapter Leadership Conference. **Anjuli Sherin** leads San Francisco Bay-area somatic healing groups, moved her private marriage and family therapy practice to a new space in Berkeley, Calif., and planned trips to Southern Italy and Bali.

**Katie Laskey-Donovan** and husband Ricky of Lakewood, Ohio, welcomed their first child, daughter Roisin Helen, in October. **Laura Indzeris Johnson**, who works in IT

from home; husband **Thomas Johnson '97**, a teacher and coach; and daughter Charlotte, 2, moved to the Harrisonburg, Va., area. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** is senior director of communications at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. **Jacqueline Frank Caswell** and husband Rory were to celebrate their first anniversary in April and welcome their first baby in July.

**Darren Carlson** lives in Minneapolis with wife Amy and their four children. Ordained in the Evangelical Free Church, he is president of Training Leaders International. **Steve Hinchliffe** lived in Hawaii for a year and moved to Tucson, Ariz., to finish his MBA. He is project coordinator and assistant accounts manager for an HOA management company.

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**Jeff Howard**, a General Dynamics information technology engineer, married Laura Schabinger in April in Washington, D.C., where they live. **Ryan Quinn**, **Nick Mancini**, **Bonnie Ryan Lefkowitz**, **Emily Ruesch**, **Kevin Dalmut**, and **Jess Brandes** attended.

**Sarah Hunt** was able to get to mile 25.8 of the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon in April before the course was closed due to the tragic attacks at the finish line. She ran on the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team and raised more than \$6,000 toward research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where she is a clinical research manager in pediatric oncology. She was not injured.

**Kelli Zezulka**, a theater and opera lighting designer who lives outside Leeds, England, is on the Association of Lighting Designers' executive board. She recently designed for York Theatre Royal and the York Shakespeare Project's *Othello*, Mooted Theatre Co.'s *Macbeth*, and Hidden Gems

MJ Figel Day '97 shot on all seven continents for *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit 2013*. At Peter Heatley '97's suggestion, MJ had expert knitter Katie O'Leary Preston '97 create a suit for the Antarctica shoot.

in IT, married in March at Sarah's parents' Charlottesville home. They live in Richmond.

**Jessica Bergner DaSilva** of Arlington, Va., is a math coach.





Productions' *Somebody's Son*. **Clare Denk** moved to Los Angeles in 2004 and earned a master's degree in film preservation in 2006. An Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences special collections cataloger, she was working on Gregory Peck's papers.

**Meredith Camp** and **Jimmy Rhodes '99** of Falls Church, Va., plan an October wedding on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Meredith earned a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University and works for a Tysons Corner training development company.

**Rebecca Baughman** lives in Sumerduck, Va., with her husband and son. She taught family and consumer science in Prince William County and is a Louisa County Middle School librarian. **Nick Mancini** won his fantasy football league, taking down **Ryan Quinn** and **Jeff Howard**. Nick planned a July wedding to Anku Nath in Pittsburgh.

**Amber Crafton** was part of the onsite Alternative Missions staff in Cofradía, Honduras, from 2006 to 2010, then moved back to Richmond and took a second job as a full-time nanny to triplet boys. Last August, she moved to the St. Louis area, where she's an Alternative Missions coordinator and nanny to preemie twins.

In February, **Dan Dupras** of Annapolis, Md., welcomed second son Jack, who joined Max, 18 months. In March, wife Christy celebrated the one-year anniversary of Annapolis Offices at Bestgate, her executive office space company. Dan worked in space systems at Northrop Grumman for nine years but recently joined a start-up salad dressing business with a neighbor. He's now CFO for Tessemae's, which sells natural, gluten- and sugar-free vegan salad dressings, dips, and marinades.

**Annwyn Milnes Sharman** and **Andy Sharman** welcomed their first child, daughter Miriam, in December. **Mike Steele** lives in Chesapeake, Va., with his wife and two children. He moved his legal practice to Williams Mullen's Virginia Beach office, where he handles management-side labor and employment matters. Mike recently served as adjunct professor at the College of William and Mary Law School, joined the Chesapeake

Humane Society board of directors, was asked to teach employment law at Tidewater Community College's Academy for Nonprofit Excellence, and started a four-year term with the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission.

**Diana Daly** and Jonathan Epstein of Alexandria, Va., married in May in Clifton. **Jess Brandes** officiated. **Jill Davis**, **Sarah Sedaghatfar Little**, **Carrie Pencek '02**, **Emily Ruesch**, **Caroline Otto Lemire**, and **Matt Lemire** attended.

**Garett Seeba** graduated last June from the Louisiana State

**Sarah Hunt '03** was not injured by the tragic attacks at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. She got to mile 25.8 of 26.2 before the course was closed.

University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where he plans to finish residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in June 2015. Wife Tashia is a dental hygienist in Laplace, La. They have three dachshunds.

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**Jessica Hewitt** married Patrick Dwyer last July. Jessica is enrolled in an Air Force-sponsored Ph.D. program for physics education research at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

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**Chris Rogers**, a Los Angeles screenwriter, is creator and co-writer of the AMC pilot *Halt & Catch Fire* and has feature films coming this year from Indian Paintbrush, Paramount, and Sony Pictures Studios. He plans to marry Meghan Pochebit of Rhode Island in October.

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**Matt Johnston** of Stamford, Conn., is a Conair assistant product manager. **Rebecca Sklepovich** is director of district and school partnerships for Teach for America's D.C. office. She spent four years working for Teach for America in New York; a year volunteering at a school in Tanzania, where she met David Redman of Wellington, New Zealand, whom she married in September; and a year as an independent education consultant.

**Nancy-Lauren Raia**, **Marion Bernstein**, **Caitie Eck**, **Ally Lee '05**, and **Laura Taylor '05** smoked the other divas in February's Disney Princess Half Marathon at Walt Disney World. They hadn't encountered so much body glitter since their first Houston's party freshman year.

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**Corrie Anne Scheer** of Fredericksburg, a kindergarten teacher in Spotsylvania County, was named teacher of the year at her school. **Molly Sullivan** and **Sarah Rupert** of Philadelphia plan to marry in August in Maryland. They have three dogs. **Doreen Davis** is pursuing a master's degree with a focus on urban ecology at UNC Charlotte.

**Alyssa Lee** of Northern Virginia works for an education nonprofit in Washington, D.C., joined the DC Women's Initiative board, and hopes to travel to Asia this year.

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**Katie Connor** earned a master's degree in social work at the University of Denver and plans to move to Burlington, Vt., in June. **Andrea Nealon Misener** married Brian in 2011, bought a house on Virginia's Eastern Shore, and teaches English at her alma mater, Nandua High School.

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**Thalia Halpert Rodis** taught English in South Korean public elementary schools and planned to start a new career in NYC. **Lee Gilliam** received a DC Teaching Fellowship, was to start training in June, and hoped to be in a D.C. classroom this fall.

**Eli Zoller** earned a master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College. **Hannah Hopkins** works with teens in Harrisonburg High School's guidance department.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Beulah Boswell Aumack '30  
 Rosalind Decker Farley '32  
 Audrey Davis Smith Edmonds '36  
 Violet Page Graves '37  
 Vashti Hammett '37  
 Melinda Cowles Barbour '38  
 Lucile Inscow Brooks '38  
 Irene Compton Blasdel  
 Patterson '38  
 Dorothy "Dot" Ballance  
 Skinner '38  
 Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Brown  
 Spreemann '38  
 Lucy Harris Stone '39  
 Marjorie Ball Bandy Helwig '40  
 Alma Roller Schmalzer '41  
 Ann Carolyn Smith '41  
 Frances Eugenia Fisher Martin '42  
 Elizabeth "Libby" Anne Herndon  
 Bennett '43  
 Jewell Mizell Hopkins Kopp '43  
 Josephine Walker Magee '43  
 Martha Selecman Wood '43  
 Dorothy "Dot" Madsen  
 Marston '44  
 Frances Watts Barker '45  
 Mary Louise Heverly Gosselin  
 Bruner '45  
 Bernice Green Dickinson '45  
 Lura Marcelle Korth Gillis '45  
 Louise Lloyd Hunter '45  
 Mildred "Millie" Morin Dovell '46

Gladys "June" Brewer Livermore '46  
 Betty Littlepage Timberlake  
 Trippett '46  
 Harriet Jane Davis Lathroum '47  
 Leland Bailey "LT" Golay '48  
 Carolyn Jean Morrison '48  
 Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers '48  
 Clarice "Carrie" H. Tobey '48  
 Primm Turner French '49  
 Jane Diane Seeley Hansell '49  
 Virginia Ann Mathews Pope '49  
 Ellen Ware Andrearczyk '50  
 Betty Miles Kehoe '50  
 Mary Mount Lind '50  
 Edith Wilhelm Noel '50  
 Mary Cottingham Hardy  
 Warren '50  
 Betty Gregg Butler '51  
 Betty Meade Meriwether Mills '51  
 Gisela Ruhruth Peirce '52  
 Dorothy Jean Walls Barlow '53  
 Susan Walker Edwards '53  
 Marjory Ann Poston Lawson '53  
 Betty Jean Walker '53  
 Nancy Kight Morrisette  
 Milligan '54  
 Jacquelyn Whitehurst Hertz '55  
 Barbara Kay Harrell Franklin '56  
 Patricia Smith McGinniss '56  
 Annie Elizabeth "Beth" Kindley  
 Dunn '57  
 Mary Jane Robinette Selph '57  
 Patty Sue Hess Griffith '58

Jane Baptist Shore '58  
 Elizabeth "Beth" Chadwick Gill  
 Daniel '60  
 Jane Lynne Echols '60  
 Jean Sullins Campbell '61  
 Sandra Ford Brock '62  
 Barbara P. Harreys '62  
 Marian Adams Spain '62  
 Carol Lou Schneider Fuqua  
 Wyman '62  
 Lani St. John Rakow '63  
 Betty Jean Coleman '64  
 Susan Lynn Cooper '64  
 Lucinda "Cindy" Ewald  
 Nichols Dickson '65  
 Sandra Carpenter Organ '65  
 Margaret King Petruzzo '65  
 Susan Kelly Senechal '68  
 Martha Burnham Jones '73  
 Sarah Forbes Gresham '76  
 Elizabeth Sinclair Thomas '78  
 Ronald H. Withers '81  
 Sarah Alwood Williams '82  
 John B. Jerrell Jr. '84  
 Elizabeth Jean Eastwood  
 Mendez '91  
 Kristin Jennifer Siemann '93  
 Jennifer Gambardella Puglise '99  
 Julia "Julie" Meredith Mahon '01

Anne Dawideit Dickinson '45,  
 who lost her husband  
 Mabel Fisher Ward '56,  
 who lost her sister  
 Charlotte M. Walker '58,  
 who lost her sister  
 Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn '59,  
 who lost her mother  
 Joanne "Jo" Lister Jacobs '60,  
 who lost her husband  
 Elizabeth Ann Tench Huml '62,  
 who lost her sister  
 Dorothy Walker Theisz '63,  
 who lost her sister  
 Norma Bass Mears '64,  
 who lost her husband  
 Eileen Goddard Albrigo '66,  
 who lost her mother and her father  
 Kathleen Goddard Moss '66,  
 who lost her mother and her father  
 Marjorie "Midge" Meredith  
 Poyck '66, who lost her father  
 Joan Gillis Baker '69,  
 who lost her mother  
 Carole LaMonica Clark '70,  
 who lost her mother  
 Marilyn Noel Perry '74,  
 who lost her mother  
 Betsy Larson Kyker '79,  
 who lost her father  
 Marianna Rixey Scott '85,  
 who lost her mother  
 Anne Crowe Kroger '88,  
 who lost her husband  
 Leah Wilson Munnis '89,  
 who lost her father

## CONDOLENCES

Marcia Williams Barkelew '43,  
 who lost her husband

## Rosemary Henderson Herman



Associate Professor Emerita of Modern Foreign Languages Rosemary Henderson Herman passed away April 29.

When she arrived on campus in September 1950, Herman began earning a reputation as a caring professor. She worked to have textbooks translated to braille to accommodate the blind and "was always there for her students," according to her obituary.

Herman was primarily a professor of Spanish, but in 1965 she revived Mary Washington's Portuguese program, which had been

dormant for more than 15 years. That year, she and three of her five students won National Defense Language Fellowships for advanced study of the Romance language.

Herman was fascinated by the arts and dress of other cultures and worked later in life to encourage reading on American Indian reservations.

She earned a bachelor's degree from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She had been a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin. Herman retired from Mary Washington and made her home in Fredericksburg. She was 87.





# CLOSING COLUMN



Norm Shafer

## On Leaving

### *For my graduating class*

Leave the bricks.


Although you wish that you could walk them in other places, other paths, that finding your way from cap and gown to nine-to-five was well-worn and obvious as the route up to the dining hall, it is not. And it is not meant to be. Besides, some freshman will soon need them. So leave them.

Leave each tree,

but carry in your eye their stunning gold, four years of fall distilled and hung in one glowing corner of your memory. You might take one leaf to help recall the way the russet walk was mirrored in their canopies, but even such a small echo can grow heavy after passing years.

So leave the trees.

Leave the covers of the books, but keep the shape of each inked word. Collect voices that shaped you, made you breathless with anger, breathless with love; those things you keep. Pack carefully away the look that one professor gave you when you were finally able to believe each good thing they'd told you all along: that this place is your place, that you have moved through it and yourself moved, and now, stepping toward a different life, the things you've kept may someday be returned.

Haley Elizabeth Campbell '13 

When President Richard V. Hurley heard **Haley Campbell '13** read "On Leaving" at the Donor Appreciation Luncheon this spring, he liked it so well that he asked her to read it at commencement. Campbell was the recipient of the 2013 UMW Barbara Thomas Phillips Creative Writing Scholarship. Her degree is in English with a concentration in creative writing.



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## Breaking the Mold

Isti Hasan '14 went old-school when he and other members of UMW Breakers danced at the 23rd annual Multicultural Fair in April. The UMW Breakers celebrate an American style, but the fair, a one-day crash course on world customs and a campus favorite, is a colorful swirl of music, dance, crafts, cuisine, and kids' activities from around the globe. Hosted by Multicultural Student Affairs and the James Farmer Multicultural Center, this year's event, with more than 30 music and dance acts, 50 vendors, and 11 food trucks, didn't miss a beat.